SMG Children’s Garden Celebrates Fall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
3-5PM

Pumpkin Painting • Yummy Treats • Crafts
Meet New Families • Games for the Kids

The Children’s Garden is located at the lower East end of the SMG Parking Lot
What is wisdom? What quality is it that makes one wise? Probably, a number of qualities come together to make a sage, but this is certain: One who is wise can discern between the important and the unimportant, and is able to give oneself to the important.

The rich man knew that eternal life was the most important, but he wasn't sure how he could share in it. His was an intense, personal question. Still, when Jesus said that he would have to give up his riches, he was not able to do it.

Why must this man give up his riches? Why did Jesus say it was hard for the rich to enter the kingdom? This man was keenly attached to his riches. Many wealthy people feel so involved with their wealth that they are unable to walk away from it, even if their eternal life were at stake. In fact, not only the very wealthy would find this challenge too much for them! Lots of us, far from rich, would not leave our money to follow the Lord.

To what are you most sharply attached? What would you hang on to, at any cost? What do you think you must have to be happy yourself? The item is not the point. The intensity of attachment is. Attachment keeps us from wisdom. Unchallenged, attachment can keep us from life with the Lord. If the choice between the kingdom and our favorite attachment were given, would our answer be wise?

Marilynn Gustin
YOU CAN’T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT

Another song which became part of the fabric of our life is You Can’t Always Get What You Want by the Rolling Stones. Recorded in 1969, it addresses topics such as love and politics with each verse capturing the essence of initial optimism and eventual disillusion, followed by the resigned pragmatism when hopes are dashed.

Madison Avenue Mad Men have hypnotized people into believing that ‘he who dies with the most toys wins.’ They espouse the theory that we owe it to ourselves to give in and satisfy our every desire. They opine, ‘If it feels good, do it.’

Unfortunately, it takes people a long time to realize that money really can’t buy happiness. It is only then, after perhaps a string of personal and professional setbacks, that we finally begin to realize that the kingdom of God is not of this earth.

Perhaps a better song title might have been You Don’t Always Need What You Want?
As the sands of the hour glass run out on our lives, people are finally able to understand that what they need in life cannot be purchased on Amazon. Things like love, happiness, acceptance, respect, joy, family, balance, health, tranquility, peace, and stability.

With Mass attendance decreasing nationally, particularly among young people, one wonders what the future holds in store for the Catholic Church. Who will be the counter cultural voice speaking out against the excesses of our materialistic ‘me first’ life style? If not the church, then who?

There is a concerted effort among United States Bishops, including Bishop Conlon, to make inroads with millennials and invite them to full participation in the church. It is not an easy task and will take time, manpower, and resources.

If you would like to support similar efforts being spearheaded by Fr. Jim and Fr. Shaun, and members of our parish staff on the local level at St. Mary’s, please consider remembering our parish in your estate plans.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Collection 10/7/2018 $29,122.11
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00
Goals to Date Sunday Goal to Date $442,500.00
Collections to Date Sunday Collections to Date $425,716.68
Total (Under) Goals to Date ( $16,783.32)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Jesus offers a hard lesson regarding wealth and possessions in today’s Gospel. The rich man whom he encountered could not part with his possessions as a condition to becoming a disciple of Jesus. Would our response be the same as the rich man? Do we place our trust in our money and possessions instead of trusting in God’s generosity? Do we seek security in our possessions? Good stewards realize that their possessions must not possess them, lest those possessions block their relationship with the Lord.
Too Young for Confessions?

My son is expected to make his first confession soon. He seems too young to have sinned in any serious way. What is the point of making a child anxious about such things?

“Confession,” as part of the sacrament of reconciliation, is not meant to make anyone anxious. Its purpose is just the opposite. Reconciliation provides us the opportunity to reflect on our failures toward God and other people, to express sorrow for those failures, and to be assured of God’s forgiveness for them.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in assuming that young children are unaware of wrongdoing and the need to say “I’m sorry.” Even very young children can be deliberately mean, cruel, or selfish.

Before children experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, they should be able to distinguish between deliberate and accidental actions (breaking a plate may be an accident; breaking it over your sister’s head is probably deliberate). They should also be able to express their faults in their own words, and they should have some understanding that their sins affect their relationship with God, who loves them unconditionally but is hurt by their wrong decisions and actions. In general, children are able to fulfill these conditions between the ages of seven and eight. If a child’s moral awareness develops more slowly, parents can request that the reception of the sacrament be postponed.

Rev. Paul J. Coury, C.Ss.R.
Monday, October 15, 2018
6:15 AM - Dick Johnson req. Tim Johnson Family
Marv Ronaldson req. Family

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
6:15 AM - Shirley Pollachek req. Lillian Petrovich
8:00 AM - Kathleen Shea
10:30 AM - Lydia Jarchow req. Jeanne Mullen & Billie DeBruin - Oak Trace

Wednesday, October 17, 2018
6:15 AM - Oscar Manzano
8:00 AM - Donald Stange req. Family

Thursday, October 18, 2018
8:00 AM - Cindy Cebrzynski req. Bob & Pam Cebrzynski

Friday, October 19, 2018
6:15 AM - Fr. Dennis Settles
8:00 AM - Phyllis Eichhorn req. Family

Saturday, October 20, 2018
8:00 AM - Louise Feirtag req. Rose Herlein
4:30 PM - Frances Kopec req. Barb Tatge
Lester Torrey req. Gerald Walsh Family

Sunday, October 21, 2018
8:00 AM - Thomas & Ruth Quinn req. Thomas P. Quinn Jr.
10:00 AM - David Bade req. Bob & Aleena Truby
    Gertrude Arndt req. Gail Miskowicz-Retz
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
    Helena Benes req. Monica Tyszkowski
6:00 PM - Tillie Hlad req. St. Mary’s Golden Agers

Today’s Readings
First Reading - I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).
Psalm - Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).
Second Reading - Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).
Gospel - It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

Readings for the Week:
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Don & Sue Brandt
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The lovely Stargazer Lily arrangement on the altar this weekend was donated by
KONRAD & GAIL MISKOWICZ-RETZ
in celebration of their 19TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Thank you and Congratulations!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY - SEPTEMBER 2018 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 235 Individuals within 99 Families. So far, this year we have fed 2,599 Individuals within 1,059 Families.

Pantry item most in need 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 donation from Jim and Lois Murawski in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Received nine boxes of food from SUBURBANITE BOWL plus a generous cash donation from their summer food pantry collection.
4. Received a large food donation from Ron/Linda Cuchna.

Don’t forget Amazon Shoppers! You can donate to St. Mary’s SVDP Conference at no cost to you by going to 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

September Adage: Seven days without prayer make one weak.

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.

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
WE HAVE SCHOOL Spirit

Hawaiian Night

Viktor E. Viking

Pajama Night

Box Tops! Here’s how you can help:
Look for pink Box Tops on products & clip them. Ask family & friends to clip Box Tops. Send all Box Tops to the SMG school office in a labeled Ziploc bag or envelope!

Deadline: Oct. 19

CEF 6th annual ‘Move Your Feet’ walk-a-thon set for Oct. 19
Parents... Grandparents... Neighbors... Parishioners... join your Catholic school children and staff on Friday, October 19 to help promote the value of Catholic schools. You and your students can “Move Your Feet to Give a Child a Seat” by walking one loop around your school. Event proceeds are restricted to new Catholic school students who qualify for aid. This year thousands of dollars in CEF Scholarships will support OUR local parish school students...over $2 million distributed diocesan-wide! Support the CEF Scholarship campaign when you receive your brochure and gift envelope in the mail. Listen to Relevant Radio (AM 930, 950) for more details or visit www.CEFjoliet.org/ move-your-feet

We have new spirit wear! Order yours at pSigns.com
October, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago, at the same time that Forbes Magazine released the list of the top billionaires in our world, a homeless man in Boston was being honored for returning a large bag with a large amount of money in it.

We marveled as the kind, peaceful face of Glen James was flashed on our screens. He saw a young man leave the bag in Boston’s South Bay plaza. James picked it up, saw what was in it and alerted the police.

He never touched the $40,000 in that bag. “Even if I were desperate for money, I would not have kept even a penny...God has always very well looked after me.” He wrote this because he’s embarrassed by his speech impediment.

On behalf of the Finance Committee and myself, I want to Thank You for your support of St. Mary of Gostyn this past year in sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure. As genuine disciples of Jesus, we are called to be people for others...someone who will give up a windfall of $40,000 trusting that a loving “God will always very well look after” us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. James A. Schwab
Pastor

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for October

Lord Jesus Christ,

We serve in your name as did your apostles before us. And we live, as they did, in anxious times, painfully aware of sin’s presence in the world; a world in need of your Father’s mercy.

As your disciples, we also live in hope, confident that your light is breaking through the changing moods of life – healing, embracing and transforming as your presence moves deep within us.

Help us see every hour of our lives as a moment of grace: A time when we open our hearts to you in prayer, discover your Truth in our work and leisure and live each moment as blessings to one another.

Make us better stewards of the great wealth of gifts you have bestowed upon us. And show us how to teach others to open their hearts to those who hunger, thirst or who are strangers.

Refresh our minds, renew our faith, and inspire us to proclaim your Gospel with a new energy in word and in deed for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.
# St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Stewardship Report

**JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**

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| Surplus (Deficit) Before Parish | | | | | | | |
| Investment in Education | $ 501,000 | $ 43,532 | $(81,030) | $(411,000) | | $133,496 |
| Parish Investment in Education | (492,030) | | 81,030 | 411,000 | | |
| **Net Surplus/(Deficit)** | $ 8,970 | $ 43,532 | $ - | $ - | | $133,496 | $ 185,998 | $ 4,428 |

1 School column includes Elementary School, Preschool, After School Care, and Home School Association (HSA).
2 School programs include Hot Lunch, Athletics, and Fine Arts. Revenue $121,978 less expenses of $116,528.
3 Additional loan principal payment of $100,000 to be repaid in August 2018.
4 Of the Church net surplus, $5,829 is restricted to the Crisis Fund.
5 Capital Campaign donations exceeded current year expenditures, so surplus of $43,532 is restricted to the Capital Campaign.
6 School Activity Center Project donations and allocations exceeded expenses, so surplus is restricted to School Activity Center Project.

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**Additional Information as of 06/30/2018**

| Diocesan Deposit Account | $ 756,907 | | |
| Capital Campaign Account | $ 526,533 | | |
Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts this past year. Your generosity allowed our parish to provide many diversified programs and services, rooted in faith, education, service and community. We had an excellent year from both ministerial and fiscal perspectives. Although the financial statement shows a modest surplus, we were able to repay an additional $100,000 on our Diocesan loan, establish a reserve for future parish improvements, and allocate funds to the new School Activity Center Project.

- Our Sunday, Easter, Christmas and Holy Day collections ended the year $50,000 over budget due to your generous response to the Stewardship Renewal Program last fall. We also received a parishioner bequest of $25,000, and Diocesan rebates of $42,000 thanks to your wonderful response to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.
- With the additional donations, interest income, and payroll savings from staffing reductions, we were able to purchase a new parish telephone system and Faith Network desk, allocate $131,000 to the School Activity Center Project, pay an additional $100,000 on our Diocesan Loan, and establish a maintenance reserve of $60,000!
- The Valentine Gala fundraiser, raffle, and Call for Cash earned almost $173,000 which is used for school operations. Of this, $37,300 was allocated to the School Activity Center Project.
- Our safety and security initiatives included the installation of security cameras in and around the school buildings and Gathering Place, the purchase of a Raptor identification system for visitors to the school, and A.L.I.C.E. intruder training.
- Favorable year end school results allowed us to pay back the July, 2017 Endowment distribution of $30,000.
- Our Capital Campaign, Blessed in Tradition; Faith in our Future, is nearing completion. As of June 30th, Capital Campaign pledges totaled over $1,122,000 with payments received of almost $1,078,000 from 553 parish households. The narthex A/C project was completed Fall, 2017. School air conditioning units were installed in all classrooms during Spring/Summer, 2018 and the Learning Resource Center boiler was replaced this past fall. The Parish Center A/C system was replaced Summer, 2018, and the Rectory and Gathering Place A/C units are slated for replacement Spring, 2019. The final project will be the installation of a new school boiler for the west wing of the building. Thank you for your support and generosity.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2018/2019

- Sunday collections are budgeted for $29,500 per week. Christmas, Easter, and Holy Day collections remain about the same as 2017/2018 actuals.
- Two years ago our Diocesan Loan balance was $596,636. With additional principal payments the last two years and an accelerated payment schedule this fiscal year, the balance should be under $180,000 by June 30, 2019.
- The Religious Education program is budgeted for 500 students. Mary Jane Wahl, Director of Religious Education left her position as of July 2, 2018, and we are still in search of a new Director. In June, we hired Claire Simeo as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Our Sunday night high school Youth Group gatherings kicked off on Sunday, September 9th with about 30 teens in attendance.
- School tuition increased 3% with current enrollment at 356 K-8 students and 62 preschool students.
- Parish fundraisers are budgeted to raise $171,300, net. $130,000 of the Blue and Gold Gala fundraiser and raffle will benefit the school’s operating budget. Other fundraisers include the Golf Outing and 5K race. Trivia Night and the Manna Program have been eliminated due to low participation. Please support the Blue and Gold Gala and raffle.
- This year the School hired a Social Worker two days a week. A new Resource Teacher/Interventionist and our Math and Reading Resource teachers will continue to provide extra support to students outside the classroom, most of which is funded by a generous benefactor.
- The 1:1 device initiative has expanded to all students. Students in Grades 4 - 8 each have a Samsung Chromebook for school/home use, and students in Grades K-3 each have an iPad for school use. Interactive white boards, LCD projectors, and document cameras are all part of our advanced technology program.
- The average cost to educate one child (K-8) in 2018/2019 is over $6,600 vs. the tuition rate of $4,600.
- The parish Investment in Education (subsidy) is budgeted at $430,000 for the school and $151,691 for Religious Education and Youth Ministry.
Why is there a homily?

“Within the Mass, the role of the homily is to explain what we have just heard, and the offer witness to the assembly that will prepare us for a sacramental encounter with Christ...Evangelii Gaudium explains, “The homily is not a trite discourse, nor a conference, nor a lesson, but...it is ‘taking up once more the dialogue which the Lord has already established with his people’”.

Bishop Robert Barron The Mass

There’s more at Saint Mary’s CAFÉ

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Bring Her into your home for one week.
- Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
- Invite family, neighbors, or friends.
- Receive Her into your home and witness the many blessings and graces that She brings.

We will bring Our Lady to your home from Saturday to Saturday and provide the Rosary materials.

Please call Diana @ (630) 971-1026 and reserve your week with Our Lady.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Jean Dahm
John Duffy
Diane Goyette
Katie Main Hwan
Verine Kavanagh
Eddie Mayerik
James Murawski
Jerry Papievski
Tom Salansky
Joan Tagglionia
Bob Earley
Kim Varsolina
Emil Cici
Nicholas T. Almeida
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Frank Davis
Dennis Finn
Rion Goyette
Bobby Johnson
Kenny Kern
Barbara McCammond
Andrea Mutton
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Sharon Tallerico
Fr. John Doyle
Joshua Zacarski
Lois Bach
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jessica Davy
Jaclyn Golly
Gen Hadamik
Donna Karlinski
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Ken Norman
Cynthia Petro
Yoshie Snider
Hugh Toner
Marge Knapp
Terri Shepherd
Anna Bandur
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Jim Donovan
Becca Gorman
Erinn Henes
Joseph Karlinski
Robert Lehner
Dolores Mendoza
Daniel Oliver
Baby Jackson Ruggiero
Dennis Stefka
Mark Trout
Shari, Jodi & Alexis Brown
Theresa Hurley
Logan Bannon
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
George Drobney
Mark Gwogiel
Theresa Herman
Peter Kavanagh
Michelle Maloney
Kate Moss
Mary Ann Papievis
Char Ryan
Joey Stefka
Audrey Jeanne Cinkus
Anne Potter
Dick Dibble

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Mary Brankin, mother of Kathleen McNicholas
Anton Kucaba
Mauricia Pangan, mother of Fe Pangan

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
Christopher Fountain
Timothy Randazzo
Michael Martel
Nathan Kijowski
Kyle Ng
Natalya Brechlin
Bob Lang
Christopher Randazzo
John Svoboda
Zachary Frana
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).
Confirmation Reminders

Sponsor/Candidate Meeting
Sunday, October 21st
1 to 2:30pm

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”

Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- 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

Attention All 5th Graders
Interested in becoming an Altar Server - contact Deacon Bob for more information at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org

Service Opportunity

Baby Bottles for Life
Collection
Oct 27th & 28th at all Masses

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

SPACE LIMITED
SIGN UP TODAY!

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

- Engaging Speakers: Fr. Rob Guley & Sr. Allice 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 Simea csimea@stmarygostyn.org or 630-969-1063, ext. 256

Youth Ministry Wish List:
SMG Youth Ministry is in need of snacks for our Sunday Youth Group Nights!

Please consider donating:
- Salty Snacks (chips, crackers, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)
- Granola bars, trail mix, cookies or candy
- Fresh fruit
- Drinks (pop, sparkling water, juice)

THANKS IN ADVANCE!! 😊

**Drop off donations at the parish center!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK:

Thanks for coming to our Movie 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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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, October 20th and Sunday, October 21st**

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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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**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

**For Widows & Widowers**
Be with others who understand.
Learn coping skills to help with life’s changes.
Renew hope!
Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women
Nov 10 & 11 - Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia
Nov 17 & 18 - Our Lady of the Angels Retreat House, Lemont
To register call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org (incl. video)

**Take a Break Volunteer Program: Give the Gift of Time to a Family**
You can help a family who has a young child with special needs. The Clearbrook Take A Break Volunteer Program matches volunteers with a family that has a child who has intellectual or developmental disabilities (age birth to 4 years old.) Our volunteers spend time in the family’s home to give parents a breath.
Do you have 3-4 hours per week to play, share and care for a child? Are 21 years of age or older? If so, we need you!
To find out more about providing a caring break to families with children who have special needs in your community, please contact Tina Yurik, Director of Clearbrook’s Take A Break Volunteer Program, at (847) 653-6635 Ext. 28 or tyurik@clearbrook.org. We also invite you to visit our website at www.clearbrook.org.
Training is provided so please call us if you’d like more information!

**2018 Luau & Pig Roast Fundraiser**
HOPE’S FRONT DOOR (HFD) will be hosting Luau & Pig Roast Fundraiser on October 26, 2018 at 275 S. Richmond Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL. There will be delicious food, music, a photo booth and much more...all for a great cause! We’re looking to raise $10,000 to help needy families’ access basic need items, learn financial literacy and take part in our employment program. Event tickets are $50 and can be purchased by calling Hope’s Front Door (630.241.0187) or on the website www.hopesfrontdoor.org.
This Week

Monday / 15
2:30 PM Daisy Troop #55604  Gast Place A
2:30 PM Junior Troop #51979  Gast Place C
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 / 16
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.
7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Deanery Liturgy Meeting  Underground

Wednesday / 17
3:00 PM Volleyball  Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education  School
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM Religious Education  School/CH
7:30 PM Athletics Meeting  Gathering Place

Thursday / 18
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
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM Baptism Prep. Class  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM Athletics Board Meeting  L.R.C.
7:00 PM Evening Book Discussion  Chapel
7:00 PM Grief Support Group  Living Room

Friday / 19
2:30 PM Junior Troop #50689  Gast Place A
3:00 PM Volleyball  Gym
5:00 PM PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 20
12:00 AM PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM Volleyball  Gym
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
6:00 PM Volleyball  Gym

Sunday / 21
8:00 AM Children’s Choir at Mass  Church
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
1:00 PM Conf. Sponsor-Candidate Mtg  CH/G.P.
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.