32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.” - Mk 12:43
St. Mary of Gostyn Church, Downers Grove

Children’s Choir

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM - Monday, Dec. 24, 2018

All St. Mary’s Children in Gr. 3-8 are Invited to Participate

St. Mary’s Parish Children’s Choir welcomes additional singers for our Christmas Eve liturgy on Monday, December 24th. The mass is at 4:00 PM. If you would like to participate please fill out the form below and return it to the school, or religious education office as soon as possible. You can also e-mail it back. Our rehearsals take place in church and are held on:

- Thursday, Nov. 29: 5:45-6:45 PM
- Thursday, Dec 6: 5:45-6:45 PM
- Thursday, Dec 13: 5:45-6:45 PM
- Tuesday, Dec 18: 5:30-6:45 PM

Mr. Bisaillon, Parish Music Director  
sbisalllon@stmarygostyn.org  
phone  630-969-1063 ext 236

Mrs. Heather Durham, Parish Children’s Choir Director  
hreusz@gmail.com

Yes! My child would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Children’s Choir
December 24, 2018  4:00 PM

Child’s Name: (Please print clearly)

___________________________________________________________________________

Child’s grade:_______ School__________________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ____________________________________ Phone: ___________________________

E mail: _______________________________________________________________________________

Additional contact information or questions:
Living Life With a Generous Heart

Jesus mentions widows twice in this week’s gospel reading. The first time is when he strongly criticizes the scribes for walking around in fine robes while they “devour widows’ houses” (v. 40). The second reference is when he points out a generous widow who puts her whole livelihood into the collection.

The widow in this Gospel was certainly a woman of faith and an example to all of us. However, I don’t think Jesus is telling us that we are all expected to give away everything we have and just trust in him. This is what he told the rich man, of course, and what he seems to be praising in this story of the widow. But the call to poverty is a specific call and not one that all of us are meant to live. What I do think Jesus expects of us is to live our lives with a generous heart and with the same faith the widow had as she gave her last two coins away.

There is a clear message here that we are not to live like the scribes, enjoying the high life, driving expensive cars, wearing fine clothes at the expense of other people. Jesus is also quite clear about sharing what we have with those who are in need. We are not to give just from the extra money we have, the surplus, but also from our bounty. It may not be necessary to give everything away, but we should give away enough to at least feel the pinch.

Jesus also calls us to live our lives poor in spirit, not getting too comfortable with what we have or what we earn. Financial security is no longer a given reality even for folks who work hard, have a dozen degrees and have served a company loyally for years. The widow gave up her livelihood willingly, but in today’s economic world some of us are forced into

that situation involuntarily. Like the widow, we need to know that no matter what happens we will be OK. We need her faith in a God who always provides.

FAMILY RESPONSE
Ask everyone to go through their toys or clothes and choose at least two things they can give to people in need. When they have finished, gather again and talk about what you are giving away. Make sure you are giving from your bounty and not just your surplus.

PERSONAL RESPONSE
Have you ever had to live without some of the daily essentials of life? How did you cope? How do you think you would cope?

THANKSGIVING MASS
November 22, 2018
9:00 AM MASS

You are invited to join us in giving thanks to God for all the blessings He has shared with us at Mass on Thanksgiving, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, at 9:00 AM.

As part of the Liturgy, loaves of bread will be blessed and distributed at the end of Mass to each family in the congregation to be shared at the family Thanksgiving Meal as a sign of extending our parish celebration into our individual homes. You are invited to bring food baskets to be blessed along with the bread.

Please accept our invitation to begin Thanksgiving Day together as a parish family at the 9:00 AM Mass.
Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

OCTOBER 2018 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 328 Individuals within 138 Families. So far, this year we have fed 2,927 Individuals within 1,197 Families.

In Memorium: Jerry Papievis a dedicated former pantry volunteer passed away this month. He will be dearly missed.

Pantry item most needed is pork and beans.

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 a large food donation from Ron/Linda Cuchna.
4. Received a large donation of Paper Towels from the 3rd graders at SMG School.
5. Received a large donation of pantry items and monetary gift from the IH Hinsdale Engineering Center Retirees. Thanks to Theresa Pevitts (Parishioner).
6. Received a monetary donation from a bake sale conducted by Caroline Sobkowiak and Anna Ruskusky.
7. Received a huge donation of Paper Products from St Mary’s eighth grade Girl Scouts.
8. Thank you SMG KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for your monetary donation.
9. Received a large food donation from the Dechene Family.

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: You are young only once but you can stay immature for life.

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.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 11/4/2018 $29,845.07
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00
Goals to Date Sunday Goal to Date $560,500.00
Collections to Date Sunday Collections to Date $542,189.19
Total (Under) Goals to Date ( $18,310.81)
Other Collections
Baby Bottles for Waterleaf $3,657.94
All Saints Day $3,729.61
Disaster Relief Collection $2,641.25
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Joliet will participate in the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) during the weekend of November 17-18, 2018. Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. CCHD funds create communities that are more just and welcoming to those who live trapped in the cycle of poverty.

Besides making an impact nationally, a share of the funds collected are used to empower those living in poverty within our own borders. In the Diocese of Joliet, for example, we provide grants for organizations that help human-trafficking victims with counseling services and support groups. These funds are used to provide educational workshops for immigrant and impoverished communities, and they have also funded a community garden enterprise led by low-income youth.

Your support for this collection makes a very real difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018
6:15 AM - Frank Bava req. Maurer Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
6:15 AM - Stacey Minkel req. Bostwick Family
8:00 AM - Catherine Wilson req. Jean Deddo, daughter

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018
6:15 AM - Living Intentions for Frank & Buddy Davis and Stephanie Rodriguez req. Frances Mahaffey
8:00 AM - Loretta Ocwieja req. Family
Rose Marie Schmitt req. Frank, husband

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018
8:00 AM - Marv Ronaldson req. Family
Elizabeth Hacker req. Raymond Hacker

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018
6:15 AM - Anton Kucaba req. SMG Faculty
8:00 AM - Donald Stange req. Family

Wedding
4:00 PM - Jessica Jaime & Andrew Hudec

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018
8:00 AM - Phyllis Eichhorn req. Family
4:30 PM - Edward Wies req. Loretta Wies
Tina Pua req. Mary Schramm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018
8:00 AM - Larry Klinger req. Rita Blaney
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Bruce & Moira Barker
Jennifer Selinsky req. Family & Friends
6:00 PM - Jim Donovan req. Mary Donovan

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).
Psalm - Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading—Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).
Gospel - This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146; 7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Bless those who have served our country

Liturgy

Book of the Dead
During the month of November, the Church honors our beloved dead. In memory of those loved ones who have gone before us, the Book of the Dead will be enshrined in the Prairie Street Narthex during the month of November. Please feel free to write the names of your loved ones in this book. These names will be remembered at mass during November.
ALTAR FLOWERS

Our lovely flower arrangement on the altar this weekend was donated by THE RONALDSON FAMILY in remembrance of MARVIN RONALDSON on the occasion of the 12TH ANNIVERSARY of his going home to be with the Lord. He will be remembered at the 8:00 AM Mass on November 15th.

St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, November 14    Parish Center
9:30 AM    The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio by Terry Ryan

The mother of 10 uses her skill with words to win prizes and provide for her family.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, November 15    Parish Center    7:00 PM
Shannon by Frank Delaney

A priest, who served in WWI, travels to Ireland to find his roots and soul.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Children’s Sunday Envelopes

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of October, we received 35 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $122.95. This money along with the money raised in previous months will to go towards the purchase of an art piece “Jesus and the Children of the World”, which will hang in our new Activity Center when we complete the renovation in the school.

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….

- Cleaned up the beach
- Helped make PADS lunches
- Helped put up Halloween decorations at Grandpa’s
- Folded laundry
- Set the dinner table
- Washed the dishes
- Brought in the groceries
- Helped to clean the house

Presider Schedule for Saturday, November 17th and Sunday, November 18th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
CONGRATS TO OUR 5TH GRADE B GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

Completing their first year as SMG Viking Volleyball players, the 5th Grade B team were DPL Playoff Champions – finishing First place at the Trojan Classic Tournament! What a great way to end a winning season!

The SMG team includes: Elysa Alikpala, Caitlin Collins, Gianna Fayad, Sylvia Haldorson, Jacqueline Lally, Francesca Lorenzo, Braelynn Ottolini, Avery Slevin.

Coaches Patrick Lally and Kevin Haldorson

Way to go girls ~ SMG is so proud of you!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Terri Shepherd           Theresa Hurley           Dick Dibble           Emil Cici           Peter Caracello
Elizabeth McIlvain      Paul Mintautas          Mica Mendez           Bill Durante       Jaclyn Golly
Nelson Sanchez           John Duffy               Spencer Mehr          Kelly Walters      Judith Bogdanski
Olivia Parker            Tom Salansky            Frank Davis           Buddy Davis        Stephanie Rodriguez
Hailey Hessler           Nancy Miriani

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Bernice Sherry
Kelly Walters, daughter of Julie Isenberger, sister of Kim LaLonde & Kristi Sherlag

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!

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.)
A wonderful time was had at the RE Saint Fair last Thursday! Thank you to all of our RE classes for the amazing Saint art work, games and Saint reports.

Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Nov. 13/14       First Reconciliation
- Nov. 21/22       No RE classes
- Nov. 28/29       Regular RE classes
- Dec. 5/6         Advent Reconciliation Grades 3,4,5
- Dec. 12/13       Advent Reconciliation Grades 6,7,8
- Dec. 19          Advent Mass 6:30pm All RE Sessions
- Dec. 19/20       No RE classes because of Advent Mass

First Reconciliation

Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30pm
All SMG 2nd grade students
AND Thursday 4:30 RE students

Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30pm
All Wednesday 4:30 and Wednesday 6:30 2nd grade students.

For RE students - you will not have class on Nov. 14th or 15th due to Reconciliation.
Nov. 25: CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS

Please consider donating:
Socks, small toiletries (mini toothbrush/paste, mouthwash, soap, hand sanitizer, mini wet-wipes, deodorant, chapstick)

Small nonperishable food items: beef jerky, granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, gum).

Gift cards to restaurants (Subway, Panera, McDonalds, etc...)

*All donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center. Teens will assemble care packages during youth group!

Join us TONIGHT:
As we talk about Theology of the Body, Love, sex, and dating
Featuring Jacob Groth

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK:

Thanks for Joining us at the Fortify Youth Conference!

“God wants to turn your mess into a ‘message’ - the message of his love and hope!”
Fr. Rob Galea
November’s topic:

More with Music:
Where Words fail, Music Speaks

In the changes and challenges of caring for another, it can be difficult to find words to express our deep feelings, or even to communicate. Music helps to bridge the gap, provide connection and hope in the midst of struggles. God gives us beautiful music to connect & share experiences. Be nourished.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com

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, Nov 14th
7:00 pm
Parish Center Living Room

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

Advent is a special time of year to gain spiritual fruits, particularly peace and joy. A special mediator of these graces is our Blessed Mother Mary. In her humanity, she responded with virtue in a special way when the Lord Jesus entered into her life. Her response teaches us lessons that we can best learn from her in the history of salvation.

Prepare for Jesus’ birth as Mary did. We’ll guide you through Mary’s experiences to shed light on how they relate to your preparation for Christmas and the coming of Jesus.

Thurs, Nov. 29th at 9:00 AM
or
Tues, Dec. 11th at 6:30 PM
in the Gathering Place
St. Mary of Gostyn’s St. Vincent de Paul Society
2018 Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

2018 Adopt-A-Family Sign-Up

Name ________________________________________________________________
If applicable, please identify the group you represent ______________________________
Street address _______________________________________
Town _____________________________ Zip ________
Home/cell Phone: (______)____________________________
Email: ______________________________________________

Size of Family Wanted (circle number):   1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10
Can you help with the program or delivery on December 15?   Yes    No   Maybe

Drop your completed form in any of the red baskets located at each church entrance.

Sign-up: 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 or until all families are adopted
Gift Drop-off: Saturday, Dec 15, 2018, from 8-10AM at SMG parking lot
Questions? Please call Cathy at 630-241-3447 or email at thorcathy@sbcglobal.net

ST. JOHN’S BIBLE: HERITAGE EDITION
Tuesday, November 13th & Wednesday, November 14th
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Villa St. Benedict
5450 Subiaco Dr. Lisle, IL 60532
Please join us for a special viewing, as the historic “St. John’s Bible: Heritage Edition” makes its stop here from its nation wide tour!
For more information or to RSVP, please call: (630)-725-7037 or visit www.villastben.org today.
We hope to see you there!

COME LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES
Thursday, November 15th
6:00 - 9:00 PM
(6:00 -7:00 pm Potluck Dinner)
St. Joan of Arc Church, Parish Center, Room 22
820 Division Street, Lisle
For more information or to RSVP visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044FA9A92CA3FF2

SERRA MASS AND DINNER
The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, November 19, 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 John Liston, Executive Director of SERRA International and an adjunct professor at Loyola University School of Law where he teaches classes in negotiation, mediation and client counseling.
To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994
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This Week

Monday / 12
2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  Gym
3:30 PM  Basketball  L.R.C.
6:00 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church

Tuesday / 13
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:00 PM  ALPHA  Gathering Place
6:00 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
6:30 PM  First Reconciliation  Church
6:30 PM  School Advisory Body  L.R.C.

Wednesday / 14
9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion  Living Room
1:00 PM  H.S.A.  Large Conf. Rm.
2:30 PM  School Book Fair  L.R.C.
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School
6:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal  Gathering Pl. C
6:30 PM  First Reconciliation  Church
6:30 PM  Religious Education  School/CH
7:00 PM  Parish Council  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers  Living Room

Thursday / 15
9:00 AM  Babysitting  Underground
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
2:30 PM  School Book Fair  L.R.C.
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Cub Scouts - Den #2  Underground
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Buildings & Grounds  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Grief Support  Living Room
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Living Room

Friday / 16
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #50689  Gathering Pl. A
5:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  PADs  Gathering Place

Saturday / 17
12:00 AM  PADs  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 18
7:30 AM  CRHP #24 - Men  Underground
8:00 AM  Children’s Choir  Church
8:00 AM  Children’s Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM  School Book Fair  L.R.C.
12:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry  UG/Gym
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.