Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king.” - Jn 18:37a
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
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Today, the church celebrates the solemnity of Christ, King of the universe. Traditionally, this is the final Sunday of the church's liturgical year, and closes in grand style. The key to understanding the meaning of this liturgical solemnity is the term "King." In the gospel, Pilate, and Jesus go back and forth about what it means to be a King. Pilate can think only in secular political terms well. Jesus consistently response from a spiritual, theological perspective. Jesus has no aspirations to be a secular political King. Pilate cannot imagine kingship in any other terms.

"Are you the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. At some point in our lives, we may ask it as well. We seek the truth and Jesus shares it with us, if we are willing to hear it. The truth he shares is how much God the Father loves us. Jesus is the King like no other; His kingdom was not of this world. As our King, our lives are affected by His reign. As our King, His love, sacrifice and mercy will change our world, our actions, and our lives. As citizens of the Kingdom of God, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, and lift up the words, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

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Questions of the Week

◊ Is the afterlife something you think about? Why or why not? How do you think of it?

◊ Have you experienced any periods in your life when the Christian concept of another kingdom awaiting you was comforting? How so?
Activity Center News

We are happy to announce that the first reading of our petition to the Mayor and Village Council was met with positive reactions. Thanks to all of you who sent comments or came to the meeting on November 13. We will have attended the second reading of our petition on November 20, after we will have gone to press with the bulletin. We are confident that we will have good news for the project after that meeting.

We have had four contractors review the plans for the project and know that we will have to make revisions to our plan in order to bring the cost of this building within the fundraising capability that we have. With the year ending soon, please prayerfully consider how you can help with project.

If you need more information about the Activity Center, check out our information page at:

https://stmarygostyn.org/smg-activity-center-renovation/

For those of you who have friends or relatives who have attended St. Marys in the past and might want to hear about this project, please share this link with them for more information.

Blue & Gold Raffle Tickets

Blue and Gold Raffle tickets are on sale after the 4:30, 8:00, 10:00 and noon Masses this weekend at the Prairie Street entrance and at Fellowship on 11/25. The Grand Prize is $15,000. The cost of the tickets is $50 a piece or 3 for $100. All the proceeds benefit the School Operating budget. Cash or check accepted.

Stewardship

Due to the early production date of this bulletin, the November 18th collection was unavailable.

The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today’s Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate asks Jesus: “What have you done?” Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us into new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord?
My kingdom is not of this world

Pontius Pilate stepped up onto the stone platform and slowly settled himself in the judgment seat. He crossed his legs and rested himself against the chair’s left arm. He sat in silence for several minutes as he studied the prisoner before him. The man was bruised and bloody from the beatings. He seemed beyond exhaustion and could barely stand.

“Are you the King of the Jews?” Pilate asked.

Jesus lifted his bruised head to answer. His speech came slowly, slurred through his swollen, cracked lips. Jesus’ mouth was dry. All through the long night they had given him no water. Only the taste of blood had quenched his nagging thirst.

Jesus boldly answered Pilate by turning the question back to him: “Are you saying this on your own, or have others been telling you about me?”

Pilate sat on the edge of the chair and put both feet on the platform. “I am no Jew! It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus staggered to the right, caught his balance and then continued to speak: “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom were of this world my subjects would be fighting to save me from being handed over to the Jews.”

Pilate seemed to be listening carefully. Jesus locked eyes with him. “As it is,” Jesus paused, “my kingdom is not here.”

Pilate leaned forward, “So then you are a king?”

“It is you who say I am a king,” Jesus protested through his pain.

Pilate made no response, ignoring the way Jesus was turning his words back against him.

Talking had opened the crusty cuts in his swollen lips and Jesus could again taste blood. Pain was burning everywhere in his body.

Grimly he found the strength to finish: “The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world, is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.”

If we consider ourselves members of God’s kingdom here on earth, we must ask ourselves if Christ is really king in our lives? Jesus told Pilate that he came into the world to testify to the truths about God and man. Each of us must, in our own time, discover that truth for ourselves. We then must believe the truth, live out that truth and share the truth of love with one another. In that way the bearer of truth, Jesus Christ, becomes the king of our lives.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018
6:15 AM - Michelle Maloney

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018
6:15 AM - Sherrill Johnson req. Bostwick Family
8:00 AM - James Splawski req. Jim Splawski

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018
6:15 AM - Czeslaw Gnyla & Jan Rabiasz req. Family
8:00 AM - John Jang req. Faculty & Staff at SMG School

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018
8:00 AM - Virginia Mates req. Steve & Mary Spencer

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Charles Molitor req. Charlene Oliver
  Ronald Rodi, Sr. req. JoAnn Rodi & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018
8:00 AM - David Olp req. Family
4:30 PM - John & Lucy Tatge req. Barb Tatge
  Mary Healy Bartecki req. Jim & June Burke

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018
8:00 AM - Susan Hayes Uzdanovich req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
10:00 AM - Gertrude Arndt req. Bob & Aleena Truby
  Griffin Connell req. Butney Family
12:00 PM - Diane Main req. Bava & Burke Families
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).
Psalm - The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).
Second Reading - Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).
Gospel - For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
An Update from St. Mary’s PADS

Thank You from St. Mary’s PADS
It’s the season to give thanks and first of all we would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary’s for their continued support of this important ministry. Our recruitment efforts in September resulted in a wonderful group of new volunteers who are now serving on various shifts throughout our six SMG teams. A very special thank-you to the families who come on Friday night and help to set-up the site. PADS is able to provide a safe, warm place for people to stay because of the 300+ volunteers who make up our teams. Thank you.

Help still needed on Saturday mornings
One area where help is still needed is the clean-up shift on Saturday mornings from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. This shift needs workers high school age and older. The tasks include folding and storing the blankets; washing down the pads, pillows, tables, and chairs; cleaning the bathrooms; and washing the floor of the Gathering Place. As with any task, the more workers - the quicker the job gets done. Please consider donating an hour of your time some Saturday morning to help with this task. No need to call, just come on down any Saturday morning and tell the Team Captain you are there to help. You will be much appreciated!

Presider Schedule for Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd

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

TO ALL OUR SMG VOLLEYBALL TEAMS FOR AN AMAZING SEASON!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Bogdanski      Olivia Parker     Tom Salansky     Frank Davis     Buddy Davis
Stephanie Rodriguez   Hailey Hessler  Nancy Miriani     Constance McKee-Pinn  Krystyna Gnyla
Leonard Fisher

To request to have your name, or with permission, the name of another, on the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish office. Names will be listed for four weeks and then removed automatically. You will need to call for an additional four weeks.

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

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).

MEMORIAL GIVING CARDS

Attending wake services can be a very stressful time for all parties concerned. As visitors, we generally try and buoy the emotions of the family that lost a loved one by sharing stories, experiences, and anecdotes about how much the deceased had touched our life. We genuinely celebrate the impact the departed made in the success of the organizations they worked at or participated in. You want to be comforting, but words fail. You want a remembrance that is lasting, but flowers wilt. Often times, funeral announcements will convey family wishes that, in lieu of sending flowers, those inclined to such a gesture be given the opportunity to support a cause near and dear to the heart of the person who has gone on to his/her eternal reward. Examples include the American Cancer Society, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or a local Hospice organization. In addition, families often designate a school or parish to receive such funds.

We are pleased to announce that if you choose to honor a loved one to whom St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School has been major influences in their life, our local funeral homes now have cards available to carry out those wishes. We have met with officials from Adams, Winterfield, & Sullivan, Toon, Hallowell & James, Modell, and Knollcrest Funeral Homes. All you need to do when making arrangements for a loved one is tell them you prefer St. Mary’s Parish or School be the recipient of monetary expressions of grief.
Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- 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
- Dec. 20-Jan 6 Winter Break No RE classes

Searching for a 2nd grade catechist for the 4:30pm session on Wednesdays.
Start date: November 28th.

Confirmation
Date: Saturday February 23rd at 11:00am.
Monday, December 10th - Sponsor forms are due

No RE classes December 20th to January 6th due to Winter Break!
Classes resume January 9th & 10th
Meet one of the Youth Group’s Patron Saints: Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pier Giorgio was born into a wealthy Italian family, who owned a prestigious newspaper and were very politically influential. Though he struggled with school (he failed a grade and had to repeat it!), and his family did not approve of his involvement in his faith or his association with the poor, Pier Giorgio was known among his peers for his virtue and his love for God. He was dedicated to serving the poor and would often give away his belongings to them, even giving up his car so that he could give the money to those in need! Pier Giorgio would sneak out of his window for daily Mass, went frequently to Adoration, was very involved with Catholic youth and student groups, as well as being a lover of all things outdoors (especially mountain climbing), music, theatre, joking around and having fun with his friends, and being involved in Catholic political action groups. He was always talking about his faith with his friends, and inviting them to Mass. In 1925, Pier Giorgio contracted polio at the age of 22, and on his death bed he continued to put others before himself by writing instructions for how to continue to care for the poor he had been serving. At his funeral, his family was shocked by the thousands of poor people who thronged the streets to pay their respects. Today, he is an inspiration to young and old alike throughout the world! He was proclaimed a blessed by Pope John Paul II in 1990 on account of his virtue, faith, and love for
This Advent, don’t get caught up in all the busyness. Don’t get lost in the anxiety of preparing for a day. Joyfully anticipate the coming of the person of Jesus through an encounter with his Most Blessed Mother.

**Prepare for Jesus’ birth as Mary did.**

Through this video retreat, Fr. Mark Toups will guide you through Mary’s experiences to shed light on how they relate to your preparation for Christmas and the coming of Jesus.

**Prayerfully draw more intentionally into the season of Advent.**

**Thurs, Nov. 29th, 9 AM in the Gathering Place**

**or**

**Tues, Dec. 11th, 6:30 PM in the Gathering Place**

Please RSVP: www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation Special Events tab, or email Kelly, kjohson@stmarygostyn.org
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.

Knights of Columbus Council 16062
Presents
Pizza with St. Nick
Saturday, December 8th

Join us Saturday, December 8th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM (after mass) at the Gathering Place for this annual event. Enjoy complimentary pizza and spend time with St. Nick.

Bring a new unwrapped toy for St. Nick to take to Sharing Connections for their Toy Program.
Free will donations accepted, as well.

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE & WREATH SALE
Downers Grove Boy Scout Troop 89 will host their annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Fundraiser from 11/23 - 12/14.
The Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot will once again be located in The St Mary of Gostyn lower parking lot (near the Children’s Garden).
Opening Day is Friday 11/23 from 12PM - 8PM. Weekend hours are 8AM - 8PM. Weekday hours are 6:30PM - 8:30PM. They will offer all natural Christmas Trees (3 to 10 feet tall); Christmas Wreaths (20" to 72" wide); and Christmas Garland. All proceeds and donations will be used to fund activities, programs, and equipment for Boy Scout Troop 89. For questions or special orders please call Rich at 630-215-3409.
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## This Week

### Monday / 26
- **3:30 PM** Basketball  
  Gym  
- **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary  
  Small Conf. Rm  
- **6:30 PM** Rosary  
  Church  
- **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts  
  Gathering Place

### Tuesday / 27
- **3:30 PM** Basketball  
  Gym  
- **6:00 PM** ALPHA  
  Gathering Place  
- **6:00 PM** Prayer Group  
  Chapel

### Wednesday / 28
- **3:30 PM** Basketball  
  Gym  
- **4:30 PM** Religious Education  
  School
- **6:30 PM** 6 PM Choir Rehearsal  
  Church  
- **6:30 PM** Religious Education  
  School/Church

### Thursday / 29
- **9:00 AM** Babysitting  
  Underground
- **9:00 AM** Rejoice! Advent Reflections  
  Gathering Place  
- **1:15 PM** Small Christian Communities  
  Living Room  
- **3:30 PM** Basketball  
  Gym  
- **4:30 PM** Religious Education  
  School  
- **5:45 PM** Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
  Church  
- **7:00 PM** 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
  Church

### Friday / 30
- **5:00 PM** Basketball  
  Gym  
- **6:30 PM** PADS  
  Gathering Place

### Saturday / 1
- **12:00 AM** PADS  
  Gathering Place  
- **8:00 AM** Basketball  
  Gym  
- **9:00 AM** St. Vincent de Paul Society  
  Large Conf. Rm.

### Sunday / 2
- **7:30 AM** CRHP #24 - Men  
  Underground
- **8:00 AM** Liturgy of the Word  
  Gath. Place C  
- **8:00 AM** RCIA  
  Large Conf. Rm.
- **10:00 AM** Liturgy of the Word  
  Gath. Place C  
- **10:00 AM** RCIC  
  Underground  
- **12:30 PM** Basketball  
  Gym  
- **4:30 PM** 6PM Choir Rehearsal  
  Church  
- **7:00 PM** Youth Ministry  
  Underground  
- **8:00 PM** Men’s Basketball  
  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.