THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

“Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” - Mt 2:6b
Reward yourself... and your family

MEN’S C.R.H.P. WEEKEND

St. Mary of Gostyn (SMG) Parish Center

Saturday-Sunday, January 26-27, 2019

- GUYS NIGHT OUT – WHY NOT YOU?
- Free Weekend – No cost to you!
- 5 cooked meals!
- Great conversation & laughter!
- Audio, Visual, Man Cave & More!
- Meet other Men in the SMG Parish
- Deepen your Faith

Reserve Your Spot Call:

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St. Mary of Gostyn – Adult Formation – Christ Renews His Parish CRHP
Epiphany of the Lord

Wise men from the East have followed a star from its rising to find the new king of the Jews. They encounter a jealous Herod, the current king, who tries to have them reveal the child's whereabouts so he can get rid of him. When they find Jesus, they give him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When the wise men find what they are looking for, they share their most precious treasures. What are you looking for? What is your most precious treasure?

You may not want to admit it, but if you are like most people, you have probably spent a great deal of your life hoping to find the love you deserve: a love that accepts and affirms you completely. Some people follow star after star, looking for that unconditional love, only to be disappointed over and over again.

Why does this happen? We are human, which is to say imperfect. At some point, all parents end up hurting and disappointing their children. Those hurts and disappointments condition the way we love. We become frustrated and lose our tempers. We push too much or say too much. We are jealous or too sensitive. And we find ourselves hurting and disappointing the ones we love most. Those who love us do the same.

If we are lucky, we find a spouse who will grow with us through those hurts and disappointments, and the love that blessed us when we were married grows and matures. And if we are really lucky, our children forgive us for the hurts and disappointments we inflicted on them, and they love us for a lifetime. But we poor, flawed humans can never love unconditionally in this lifetime.

The only way to find that love is to follow the same star the wise men followed: the star that leads to Jesus. Only God can love us unconditionally, and Jesus is the Way to God's love. Open yourself to God's love so that you can share that love with all its acceptance and affirmation with your most precious treasure: your children.

**FAMILY RESPONSE**

It is important to affirm your children. Tell each family member what you like most about him or her. Ask other family members to do the same.

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

Where are you in your relationship with God? Are you open to discovering who God is and how much you are loved? If so, how can you go about it?
Activity Center News

With the New Year in full swing, we are approximately 12 weeks away from breaking ground on the Activity Center. We will be tearing down the Prairie Avenue property as the first stage for this project, weather permitting. By Spring Break, the gym will be closed off for use as we remove the flooring and prepare the space for the renovation and expansion of the current building.

We are close to awarding the construction contract to an authorized Diocese company. As shared with you in the past, we have to have 75% of the funds in hand in order to proceed with the work. We currently have $1,255,000 in commitments and savings for the project, leaving a gap of $395,000. We thank all of you who have made your donations and/or commitments already.

For those of you who are not participating as of yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Any monetary donations are greatly appreciated. We will also have opportunities once the contract is awarded for donations of services, materials, etc. as an additional way to help us make this project a reality. We will be communicating those needs shortly, so keep a lookout for that information in the bulletin and on our website.

Stewardship

Due to the early production date of this bulletin, the December 30th collection was unavailable.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 12/23/18 $32,489.09
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00
Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $767,000.00
Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date $882,000.00
Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $762,995.26
Christmas Collections to Date $90,374.07
Total Collections to Date $853,369.33
Total (Under) Goals to Date ( $28,630.67)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

In today’s second reading we hear Saint Paul teach the community at Ephesus that God’s revelation had come, not just to their community, but to others as well; that a broader community of believers was being allowed to exercise stewardship over the Good News. Good stewards recognize that it is in our life together as a Eucharistic community that we find ever new vistas and insights into God’s vast universe of love and mercy. If we take time to listen to one another, we discover stories of faith beyond our own. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain an understanding of God and the world that you have not experienced or known before.
Many thanks to the team who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas this year. The church truly conveys the beauty of the season.

Tom Harrington
Roger Penninger
Pat Vena
Father Shaun
Kate Frengen
Krista Sobkowiak
Michelle Sparke
Michelle Sebastia

Registration is now open for our biggest event of the year.

Blue and Gold Gala

February 9, 2019, at 6:00 pm
Esplanade Lakes Ballroom, Downers Grove, IL

Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction
Drawing for our Blue and Gold Raffle
$100 per person, $1000 for a table of 10

Registration and more information is available at: https://stmarygostyn.org/product/blue-and-gold-gala-registration/
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
6:15 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Loretta Sepulveda
Christa Lenski req. Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Donald Stange req. Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
6:15 AM - Tod Masters
8:00 AM - John Jang req. Mary Graczyk
Anthony Mendez

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
8:00 AM - Virginia Mates req. St. Mary of Gostyn
Sr. Rose O’Connell req. Eleinor Kannon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Linda Fedro req. Gerry Harper

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019
8:00 AM - Mary Kowalkowski req. Family
4:30 PM - Virginia Mates req. Frank & Dianne Czopek
Jerry Papievis req. Mary Ann Papievis

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019
8:00 AM - Patricia Zubcic req. Sue Coaker
Lorraine Switalla req. Donna, Chuck & Jaclyn Golly
10:00 AM - Jeanette Ardizzone req. Corbett Family
Jerry Papievis req. Mary Ann Papievis
12:00 PM - Rosita Rios req. Alice Vujtech & Family
6:00 PM - Gerry Volk req. Doris Daugvila & Shirley Twardzik

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading - The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel
(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel - Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
THANK YOU!

The mission of SMG’s St. Vincent DePaul Society includes projects like the Food Pantry, Home Visits, Outreach Ministry, Clothing Drives and the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program.

This year the SVDP Adopt-A-Family program sponsored a total of 84 families. We want to thank all our volunteers and everyone that sponsored a family! You really made a difference and brought joy to the 342 individuals that benefited from your generosity.

St. Vincent DePaul members enjoy spending time together and helping those in need. Please consider attending one of our meetings held every other Saturday at 9:00 am in the Parish Center. Our next meeting is January 12th. You can help as much or as little as your schedule allows. Come join us, we are excited to meet you!

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
William & Amanda Aitken
Patricia Nemec
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

• Our Lady calls you by name.
• Bring Her into your home for 1 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.

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, January 9 Parish Center 9:30 AM
I've Got My Eyes on You by Mary Higgins Clark
An 18 year old girl is found dead in the family pool and her sister sets out to find the murderer. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

SMG Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, January 17 Parish Center 7:00 PM
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
A Count is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel in 1920’s Russia. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, January 12th and Sunday, January 13th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Having fun OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM!

6th GRADE FIELD TRIP TO DRURY LANE

4th GRADE COOKIE DAY

Mark YOUR CALENDAR!

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY - GO ONLINE AT STMARYGOSTYN.ORG TO REGISTER!

Join us for our OPEN HOUSE

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM JAN 24
ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 9:00 AM - NOON JAN 27
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicole Maher    Jaclyn Golly    Joseph Balice    Spencer Mehr    Buddy Davis
Theresa Herman    Theresa Hurley    Sr. Loretta Glanz    Mark Gowgiel    Rob Hudson

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Joseph Karlinski, husband of Irene Karlinski

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.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE
Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.
The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS
An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is in the Ushers Closet located next to the Narthex entrance, along with a First Aid kit. AED’s are also located in the Gathering Place (North wall) and in the School kitchen.
Radical Love transformed the Early Christians. See, in this study of Acts, how faith can transform and invigorate your relationships, family and your life.

* All ladies of the parish are welcome! *Babysitting Available!*

This chronicle of the Church in action gives us the blueprint for the life and mission of the Church today. In Acts of the Apostles, see the practical wisdom to show how modern Catholics can effectively lead people to Jesus Christ. Experience the radical love of the Early Church in this study of Acts.

Thursdays- 9:00am. Beginning Jan 10th. In the GP. More info kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation tab.
Have a Merry Christmas Season & a Blessed New Year!

Join us TONIGHT:
Spring Semester Youth Group Kick-off!!
7-9 PM in the Underground
Food, games, and more!
All High School Students Welcome!
RE classes resume this week....

We are back in session starting January 9th & 10th

Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Jan. 9/10  RE classes resume
- Jan 16/17  RE class
- Jan 23/24  RE class
- Jan 30/31  RE class

8th Grade Confirmation Reminders

Feb 6th & 7th - Confirmation Interviews
Feb 11th  - Christian Living Journals due
Feb 21st  - Confirmation Practice at 6:30pm

First Communion Reminder

Feb 19th
First Communion Enrollment Mass 6:30pm
Looking for an in-depth study of our Catholic faith?

Then join us for a seventeen-week study of Father John Hardon’s commentary on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This course is a clear exposition of the four pillars of the faith, as outlined in the Catechism. There is no fee for this course but registration is required via the website or kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org.

Mondays 7-9:00pm, begins 1/28

ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

SPONSORED BY:
THE OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

SATURDAY, January 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL

This day is designed for divorced persons who have already petitioned the Diocesan tribunal to begin the annulment process, and who need support to complete the long questionnaire.

The $25.00 fee includes morning coffee, lunch, and materials.

Pre-registration is required by January 20, 2019. To register please call: the Office of Family Ministry 815-838-5334 or register online:  https://conta.cc/2JqUyBe

Please join fellow women of St. Mary’s for CRHP. CRHP, also known as “Christ Renews His Parish” is a retreat put on for women by women, and it’s not your typical retreat.

- RELAX and hear inspiring stories and get to know members of our parish
- REFLECT and renew your spiritual growth
- INVEST in yourself, your family and SMG

For more information, please contact Molly Roche at molly.c.roche@gmail.com

MEN OF SPIRITO

Calling all men who love to sing! For the New Year, find some time for something YOU love—join the Men of Spirito! We rehearse on Tuesday nights. From January through June we sing in two concerts and 3 service events- and we have a great time every time we’re together!

The Men of Spirito! Ensemble is for men 18 years of age and older who can carry a tune. Reading music is a plus but not necessary.

Want to exercise your singing voice and your brain? Learn some new music? Enjoy the company of some great guys? Give the Men of Spirito! a try. For more information go to www.SpiritoSingers.org or give us a call at 630.581.5440.

Rehearsals for our Spring Season begin on January 8 so don’t delay!!!
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This Week

Monday / 7
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55326 -Gath. Place A
3:30 PM Basketball  -Gym
6:00 PM Legion of Mary  -Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Boy Scouts  -Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary  -Church
7:00 PM CRHP #34 - Women  -Living Room

Tuesday / 8
3:30 PM Basketball  -Gym
6:00 PM Prayer Group  -Chapel
6:30 PM School Advisory Body  -L.R.C.

Wednesday / 9
9:30 AM Morning Book Discussion  -Living Room
2:30 PM Daisy Troop #55771  -Gath. Place A
3:30 PM Basketball  -Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education  -School/Church
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir  -Church
6:30 PM Religious Education  -School/Church
7:00 PM Evangelization Committee  -Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Nourish for Caregivers  -Living Room
7:00 PM Reverence for Life  -Chapel

Thursday / 10
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study  -UG/Gath. Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities  -Living Room
3:30 AM Basketball  -Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education  -School
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal  -Church
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 2  -Gath. Pl. A & B
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  -Church

Friday / 11
5:00 PM Basketball  -Gym
6:30 PM PADS  -Gathering Place

Saturday / 12
12:00 AM PADS  -Gathering Place
8:00 AM Basketball  -Gym
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women  -Chapel
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society  -Large Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Pack 89 Cub Scouts  -Gym

Sunday / 13
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word  -Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM RCIA  -Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM Liturgy of the Word  -Gath. Pl. B & C
12:30 PM Basketball  -Gym
1:30 PM Communal Baptism  -Church
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.
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