THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc
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

This retreat begins Saturday, February 2 (morning) and ends Sunday, February 3 (afternoon)
For more information, please contact Molly Roche at mollyc.roche@gmail.com

To rsvp, go to stmarygostyn.org
John the Baptist tells his followers that he baptizes with water but that one mightier than he will baptize with the Spirit. John baptizes Jesus, and while Jesus is praying a voice is heard from heaven. “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased” (v. 21).

I think that Jesus, from the time he was very little, experienced the loving intimacy of being God’s son. Because he was fully human, he probably assumed everyone else had the same experience. When he is baptized, he is not surprised by the voice calling him the beloved son. But perhaps he is surprised at the spectators’ astonishment. This is the moment when Jesus finally understands that everyone else does not experience God as a loving Father as he does.

After his baptism Jesus goes into the desert for forty days to pray about what he has discovered. He is tempted to use this knowledge for his own gain, but instead, he leaves the desert to begin his ministry. The rest of his life is spent trying to convince others—that includes us—that we are all sons and daughters of God; a God who loves us unconditionally as the best-ever Father would. Remember the prayer Jesus gives his followers begins, “Our Father...”. Everything else Jesus teaches follows from this.

If we open ourselves to God’s love and allow that love to forgive our sins and heal our hurts, we begin to experience our kinship with God and all peoples. When we really believe that we are a son or daughter of God, we begin to see how precious and valuable we are. Because we are loved unselfishly, we can then love selflessly. And like our brother Jesus, we can become healers and peacemakers. And God’s plan (sometimes called God’s kingdom or reign) of justice, peace and harmony can become a reality in our lives.

**FAMILY RESPONSE**

Talk to your children about how much God loves them. Do this often. Let them know how much you love them, and then tell them that God loves them even more. Ask them how they know God loves them. Tell them how you know God loves you.

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

Hear the words that were spoken when Jesus was baptized as if God is speaking them to you: “You are my beloved son or daughter. With you I am well pleased.” Put those words in the first person (“I am God’s beloved child”), and say them to yourself often. How does this make you feel?
Activity Center News

Your support is so important right now! We are on a rapid countdown to begin this project. We have the support of the Village of Downers Grove. We have a building plan that allows us to achieve the goals we set for the project. We have a contractor that is able to do the work within the time frame that we have set and the budget that we have now established at $2,200,000. All we need is your commitment.

Many of you have said that you support the project and are willing to give a donation to help us move this forward. We are now at that time when we need you to step up with your commitment. The Diocese needs to see that we have commitments for 75% of the project’s funds, or $1,650,000. We are currently at about $1,200,000. That is a $450,000 gap.

Please make your commitment NOW. We want to get the project underway in order to be the least intrusive on the School year as we can. We thank those of you who have already donated. These commitments have come from Parishioners, School Families, Alumni, Alumni Parents and Grandparents of School Students. We ask that you donate what you can to help us ready our School for the next several decades of success.

As an alumni Parent said, when we thanked her family for their support of this project, “Why wouldn’t we help? We know how much SMG has done for our children to help them succeed in high school and in college.” We hope that you will echo her thoughts with a donation to the project.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 12/30/18  $26,004.03
Weekly Collection 1/6/19  $33,373.68
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19)  $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date  $826,000.00
Christmas Goal to Date  $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date  $941,000.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date  $822,372.97
Christmas Collections to Date  $107,991.07
Total Collections to Date  $930,364.04

Total (Under) Goals to Date  ($10,635.96)

Other Collections
Solemnity of Mary  $5,093.00

In today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with “all the people.” Indeed, “heaven was opened,” and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God’s special favor in our lives?

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
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

Check out some of our new offerings this year:

Montana Sporting Club vacation
See the Chicago Skyline like you never have before
Great Outings, events and auction baskets

Registration and more information is available at:
https://stmarygostyn.org/product/blue-and-gold-gala-registration/
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
6:15 AM - Zakar Family req. Family
8:00 AM - Toner, Hadank, Buckley & Newton Families req. Maureen & Hugh Toner
   Jerry Papievis req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller
10:30 AM - William DeBruin req. Billie DeBruin - Oak Trace

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Arlo & Lauretta Anderson req. Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
8:00 AM - Sigri Pull req. Duffy Family
   Chad Kelley req. Mom, Cindy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019
6:15 AM - Nancy Miriani req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019
8:00 AM - Jerry Papievis req. Mike & Mary Signer
   4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019
8:00 AM - Mary Schultz req. Lederman Family
   In celebration of David & Ruth Negra 50th Wedding Anniversary req. Bratcher Family
10:00 AM - Jean Leddon req. Ron & Mary Buchler
12:00 PM - Frank Zubak req. Graczyk Family
   Marilyn Zubak req. Graczyk Family
6:00 PM - Donna Jo Comiskey req. Deacon Bob & Donna Miciunas

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations
   (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)
Psalm - The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29)
Second Reading - Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38)
Gospel - A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
   Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
   Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
   Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
   Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
   Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
   Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
   Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Patricia Carlberg
Bruce & Mary Jane Kowert
William & Hallie Nester
John & Eileen Saksa

who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry - DECEMBER 2018 REPORT

Thank You, for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 194 Individuals within 77 Families. For the year, we have fed 3,391 Individuals within 1,385 Families. We served 336 fewer clients this year than last year. Words can’t adequately describe the generosity of St Mary’s parishioners. We can’t thank you enough for your generosity; but we can, and will pray for you. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We continue to serve five homeless shelters in the Chicago Inner City four times per week.

Item most in need is canned fruit.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Fresh Thyme or the new ALDI’s thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Thank You Frank Szfranski for sponsoring a huge donation from your Ameriprise Office providing over 50 grocery bags of food.
4. Received a nice donation of Tuna Fish from St Mary’s 3rd graders.
5. Received a large donation from Ron/Linda Cuchna.
6. Received a very large donation of mixed candy from St Mary’s 8th graders.
7. Received 10 large hams from Kelly Johnson.
8. Received a very large donation of Jewel gift cards from the Rogers Corporation thanks to Yolonda Flores.

We hope all parishioners had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS with Family & Friends. May your NEW YEAR be filled with HEALTH and HAPPINESS. Keep Christ in Your Heart and a Smile on your Face.

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!

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all that we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. We are open every Wednesday from 8:00am until 11:00am unless Wednesday falls on a holiday, then we open on the preceding Tuesday.
OUR Holiday PROGRAM

"One Christ: The Many Faces of Christmas"...
showcasing several countries around the World

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN
SMG
PARISH SCHOOLS

GRADUES PRE-K - 8
STMARYGOSTYN.ORG
(630) 968.6155

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

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Joseph Karlinski, husband of Irene Karlinski
Patricia Nemec
Vincent D. Sullivan

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.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, January 19th and Sunday, January 20th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
The ONE topic ONE night Speaker Series aims to provide our parish community a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

One topic. One night. One faith.

Date: Jan. 17th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: Why is there Suffering?

Looking for an in-depth study of the Catholic faith?

Basic Catechism Course

Join us in 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 teachings of the four pillars of the faith, as outlined in the Catechism. For anyone interested in deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith.

There is no fee for this course but registration is required via the website or kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org. Mondays 7-9:00pm, begins January 28th.


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www.stmarygostyn.org/alpha/

Alpha at St. Mary of Gostyn
Beginning February 5th
Youth Alpha begins Jan 24
Be a part of it.
Invite a friend.

Everyone should have a chance to explore the faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha starts with a meal - a free dinner - then a presentation, followed by great discussion.

Alpha is for anyone who’s curious.
Over the course of the ten-weeks, the talks encourage conversation and explore the basic questions of life and faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds: discuss as much or as little as you wish.

Know someone struggling with the purpose and meaning of life? Alpha is a great way to invite others to explore our faith.

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Youth Ministry

No Regular Youth Group Tonight

See You Next Week January 20th

HELP
SERVE THE
HOMELESS
AT PADS

WE WILL BE MAKING DINNER
FOR OUR GUESTS, SERVING
THEM AND HELPING CLEAN UP!

Friday, January 18th
6:30-8:30 PM
In the Gathering Place

PLEASE RSVP TO CLAIRE AND
FILL OUT THE PERMISSION
FORM ON THE WEBSITE!

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE

LIFE. FAITH. MEANING.

ALPHA YOUTH Series

Thursday Nights starting January 24th
7–9 PM

Alpha youth consists of a fun ice-breaker, free
meal and snacks, a thought-provoking video, and an
opportunity to share your thoughts and questions
about the talk in small group discussion.

Questions? Contact Claire: csimeo@stmarygostyn.org.
Register today online at www.stmarygostyn.org, or email Claire
Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Jan 16/17  RE class
- Jan 23/24  RE class
- Jan 30/31  RE class
- Feb 6/7  RE Class - 8th grd Confirmation Interviews
- Feb 11  8th grd Christian Living Journals Due
- Feb 13/14  RE Class

Join us on the following Sunday's
at the 8am & 10am Masses:

1/27  2/3
2/10  2/24
3/3  3/10
3/17

It's perfect for kids 3 to 8 years old
to learn about the Gospel story
through song, prayer and activities.

Looking for a Service Opportunity??

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is great place to start. You don’t need to sign up, just stop by the Gathering Place 10 minutes before 8am or 10am Mass and say you are here to help!

Here are the dates for the next 2 months:

1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

First Communion Reminder
Feb 19th
First Communion Enrollment Mass 6:30pm
We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of December, we received 29 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $33.97. This money along with the money raised in previous months will 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….

- Delivered wreaths for the Cub Scouts
- Helped get ready for Christmas
- Helped to clean the house
- Knitted a scarf for my cousin
- Helped my friend with school work
- Set the table for my Grandma
- Shared my toys
- Washed the dishes
- Folded the laundry
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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.