5th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” - Lk 5:5
Cead Mile Fáilte!

Celtic Mass and Irish Party

When: Saturday, March 2, 2019
Where: St. Mary of Gostyn
Time: 4:30pm Mass, Father Jim presiding
Celebration immediately following in Gathering Place

Please Join St. Mary of Gostyn to Celebrate Our Irish Heritage During 4:30 pm Liturgy & Enjoy Fellowship!

Food

Baked Potato Bar with all the Toppings and Salad
PREPARED AND SPONSORED BY AL’S PIZZA

Assortment of Irish Sandwiches
PREPARED AND SPONSORED BY FRANKIE’S DELI

Irish Chips and Beverages
PREPARED AND SPONSORED BY BALLYDOYLE of DOWNERS GROVE

Dance and music

Dancers from the Bentley Academy and the McNulty School of Irish Dance will entertain us through dinner until 9pm.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW www.StMaryGostyn.org

Cost: $20 per Adult $5 per Child
Price Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine, Irish Coffee and Dessert!
Online registration confirmation will be your only confirmation for attendance—No tickets will be generated or needed to enter this event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The success of the Celtic Party has always been based on the efforts of our great volunteers! If you are able to volunteer, please indicate on the on-line registration form. Volunteers are needed for decorating, serving dinner or clean-up!

THANK YOU! Contact Nicole Colucci with any questions ncolucc@att.net or (773) 972-5132

*This event does SELL OUT quickly, please register by Sunday, February 24, 2019
Imagine leaving everything behind to follow what you know is the right path. Jesus’ apostles each made a commitment to be with him. Jesus became their number-one priority. The apostles all shared the same commitment and eventually formed a small community. It was a community strong enough to stay together, faithful to Jesus’ message even after he died. Commitment makes a community strong. It does the same for a family.

Jesus was with his disciples almost daily for three years. They ate together, prayed together, worked together and, I’m sure, they had fun together. The more time they spent together, the closer they bonded.

Commitment to family involves the same activities. It takes eating, praying, playing and working with each other on a regular basis to build strong relationships. We have to earn a living and clean the house. We may have to take care of an aging parent. But if our family is a priority, we will find the time to be together.

Sometimes that means sitting down each week and pulling out your appointment book or phone. If necessary, suspend your child’s bedtime by a half-hour. Give up sleeping in on a Saturday morning or take the kids out of school for lunch if that’s the only time you can find, but plan time each week to be together. It’s that important!
Thank you for your very generous response to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The CMAA raised over $8 million from 35,000 generous households in the Diocese. The chart below shows the final results for St. Mary of Gostyn Parish for the past two years. Your generosity and commitment to both the Diocese and our parish are greatly appreciated!

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In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we get a glimpse of a model for Christian stewards to follow. Within the temple, God’s voice shakes the foundations and causes the natural world to shake and tremble. The Lord asks: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah replies to the call of God for service with immediacy and enthusiasm: “Here I am, send me!” There is no hesitation. There are no excuses, contingencies, or “what-ifs.” Good stewards know that responding to the Lord’s call to serve is never easy, never simple to grasp, never designed for ready comfort and success. But the call needs a response. What about us? What does it take to shake us into an enthusiastic response? To say to God: “Here I am, Lord. Send me!”

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A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 1/3/19 | $33,238.57
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) | $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date | $944,000.00
Christmas Goal to Date | $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date | $1,059,000.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date | $936,108.88
Christmas Collections to Date | $108,611.07
Total Collections to Date | $1,044,719.95

Total (Under) Goals to Date | ($14,280.05)
It is still early in Jesus’ public life when he stands preaching at the shore of the Lake of Gennesaret (a.k.a. Sea of Galilee) and draws such a big crowd that he climbs into Simon Peter’s boat so the people can better see and hear him. We don’t know what he was teaching them about, but they seemed transfixed by his words.

We don’t know what Peter and his companions were thinking when Jesus invited himself into their boat, but Peter is taken aback when Jesus tells him later to go fishing again after he already fished all night with no luck. Maybe there’s something about the way that Jesus looks at him that makes Peter decide “Ok, if you say so…” The amazing catch of fish follows, and the realization hits Peter that Jesus is more than just a good speaker. Like Isaiah and Paul in the other readings today, Peter suddenly realizes he is in the presence of God, and he is “unworthy” by comparison. Peter’s reaction isn’t unusual.

The Bible includes stories of many people who were called by God to do a specific task or live a particular way. Usually, these people’s first reactions are of fear, unworthiness, or protest that they aren’t the right people for the job. We heard this in the first reading of Isaiah, and Paul mentioned it in the second reading today too.

Luckily for us, we get yet another example of God’s response to fear with the encouragement “Do not be afraid.” That is followed by the assurance that God can use anyone to do his good work in the world, no matter how unworthy we might think we are.

Questions of the Week

♦ The Bible is full of examples of people who protest that they are too young, too old, not educated enough, etc. to be “called” by God?

♦ What reasons do you have for thinking you aren’t worthy for Jesus to call you to do his work?

♦ When have you experienced an “amazing catch of fish” that led you to greater trust in God’s care for you?

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you showed your love and compassion by the many miracles of healing that you worked. I know that you care for and watch over all who are sick and who suffer so terribly. Help them, dear Jesus, to feel your healing love. Console those for whom a physical cure is not to be forthcoming. Strengthen their faith and the faith of all who care for them. Lord Jesus, help me too, so that I will be strong of faith as well. Amen.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Kelly Walters req. Drobney Family
    Living Intention for Jim & Barbara Ekberg req. Terry Frederick

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Sigri Pull req. Duffy Family
    McNicholas & Gallagher Families req. Calistro Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019
8:00 AM - Carol Orseske req. Family
    Carmen Giannini req. Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Gregory Wahl req. Mike & Mary Signer
    Bill & Paul Marshall req. Ed & Sue Belsan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019
8:00 AM - George L. Metzger req. Family
4:30 PM - Jerry Papievis req. John & Carol Sommer
    Daniel Indelicato req. Aument Family
12:00 PM - Linda Kunze req. Holmes Family
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019
8:00 AM - Joseph Sisco req. Mike & Mary Signer
10:00 AM - Rosita Rios req. Martens Family
    Daniel Indelicato req. Aument Family

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord and responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)
Psalm - In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).
Second Reading - Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it
    (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24,35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The beautiful flower arrangements are in memory of Carol Orseske and in celebration of Mary Ann and Wayne Draudt’s 50th Anniversary.

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**Children’s Sunday Envelopes**

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of January, we received 13 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $19.85. 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:

- Helped to shovel
- Helped my Dad
- Shoveled for my Grandparents
- Helped my Dad to paint
- Shared my toys with my sister
- Cleaned my room
- Helped to dry the dishes

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**St. Mary Book Group**

**Wednesday, February 13**  
Parish Center  9:30 AM

The dramatic retelling of the biblical story of Martha, sister of Lazarus.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

**SMG Evening Book Discussion**

**Thursday, February 21**  
Parish Center  7:00 PM

Caroline: Little House Revisited by Sarah Miller

The story of a courageous and resilient pioneer woman who settles in Kansas Indian territory.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, February 16th and Sunday, February 17th**

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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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**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!

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**A Warm Welcome**

We welcome:

- George & Ashley Cesario
- Patrick & Maxine Milks
- Randy & Jennifer VanHoegarden

who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.
Matt Wilhelm visited SMG last week for an all-school assembly. Matt is a BMX Flatland rider and motivational speaker. He is known for his fast spinning and aggressive riding style. He is a three-time X Games Medalist, World Championship Silver Medalist, two-time United States National Champion, and Guinness World Record Holder.

Wilhelm is also a motivational speaker and performs at over 300 schools per year. He was featured in the award winning documentary Stop Bullying: Speak UP with President Obama.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Frank Stefka                   Connie McKee-Pinn          Hugh Toner      Spencer Mehr  Don Sulzer
Ethel Zindrick                Theresa Hurley                  Julie Riley                        Connie Tran Pescual

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Joan Grandy

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT TEAM

....“And Jesus wept” John 11:35
Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.
If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.
Grief Support Group starts meeting on Tuesday, February 19th, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Tuesday starting February 19th for six weeks.
Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 969–1063 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.
‘What distinguishes Alpha is the easy-going, relaxed feel of the proceedings – that, and its astonishing success.’
– The Times, London

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!

Alpha at St. Mary’s Beginning Feb. 5th
Try Alpha. Invite a friend.

Registration online at www.stmarygostyn.org/alpha/

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, 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.

February 13th at 7:00pm
Parish Center Living Room
www.stmarygostyn.org

This month’s topic:
The Gains in Change-Facing Losses and Growing
Losses and change are an inevitable part of caregiving. But so is growth with renewed purpose and meaning. Together we will explore the process to move beyond acceptance into embracing the changes, as God accompanies us on our journey.
Be nourished.
www.nourishforcaregivers.com
Youth Ministry

Registration NOW OPEN!

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE TRIP
JUNE 14-16, 2019

Open to students entering 9-12th grade in the fall of 2019 and class of 2018 seniors.

What? Join over 2,000 teens from around the country for a weekend you’ll never forget — packed with fun, inspiring speakers, prayer, and more!!

When? June 14-16 this Summer

Where? Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH

How Much? $295 - covers bus transportation, food, housing, and conference fee. (Financial Aid is available — cost is not an obstacle to going!!)

How? Reserve your spot today by filling out an application form (available on the parish website), and making a $45 deposit.

Questions? Contact Claire: csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

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Faith Day
A Multi-Parish event to inspire Middle School & High School students!

Schedule of Events:

Middle School Session:
1:30-2 PM - Registration & Music
2:15PM - Talk by Fr. Mark
3PM - Ice Cream & Games
3:30PM - Adoration & Closing Prayer
4PM - Dismissal

High School Session:
6:30PM - Registration & Pizza
6:45PM - Icebreaker & Music
7:15PM - Talk by Fr. Mark
8PM - Adoration & Closing Prayer
8:30PM - Dismissal

When? Sunday, March 3rd
Where? St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge
Why? All Middle or High Schoolers WELCOME!
How do I sign up? Fill out a permission form from the parish website, and RSVP to Claire
Questions? Contact csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

Join us every Sunday night for Youth Group: 7-9PM in the Underground! All High School & 8th Graders welcome!

Volunteering at People’s Resource Center

Trying to set up the Wii in the Underground
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Feb 11   8th grade Christian Living Journals due
- Feb 13/14 RE class
- Feb 19   First Communion Enrollment Mass at 6:30
- Feb 20/21 RE class - No Confirmation classes
- Feb 21   Confirmation practice at 6:30pm in church
- Feb 23   Confirmation 11am

Confirmation Reminders

Feb 11th - Christian Living Journals due

Feb 21st - Confirmation practice 6:30pm - Confirmation candidate & Sponsor attend

Feb 23rd - Confirmation 11am

March 13th & 14th - RE Confirmation class hosts Seder Meal for RE 5th - 7th grade

First Communion Reminders

Feb 19th - First Communion Enrollment Mass 6:30pm - parent & child attend

April 6th - First Communion Retreat 10am to 12pm - parent & child attend

April 29th - First Communion practice 6:30pm - SMG students & Thursday 4:30 RE students

April 30th - First Communion practice 6:30pm - Wed 4:30 RE students & Wed 6:30 RE students

May 4th - First Communion 10am Mass - SMG students & Thursday 4:30 RE students

1pm Mass - Wed 4:30 RE students & Wednesday 6:30 RE students
**Mundelein Seminary Hosts the 26th Annual Celebration of Mundelein Honoring Bishop R. Daniel Conlon and Ron and Diane Ziemba**

On Thursday, February 28, the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary will welcome guests for the 26th Annual Celebration of Mundelein at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. This major fundraising event supports the formation of Diocese of Joliet seminarians, among others, as they prepare to be future area priests. For exemplary service to the Church, Bishop Conlon will receive the “As Those Who Serve” award and the Ron and Diane Ziemba of Crest Hill will receive the “Christo Gloria” award. The Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Dinner Program beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will be hosted by Allison Rosati of NBC 5 with music from Mundelein Seminary ensembles and members of the City Lights Orchestra. Whether you are able to attend the event or not, information on ways to support the campaign with ticket purchases, sponsorships, program ads, and donations can be found at www.usml.edu/celebration or contact 847-970-4910, events@usml.edu.

**A PRESENTATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019**

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

at Christ the Servant Church, 8700 Havens Dr, Woodridge

Deacon Tom Marciani will present two short videos on Human Trafficking followed by Q and A and discussion. Join us as we learn what defines Human Trafficking, where it happens, how to recognize the signs and what you can do to prevent and help stop human traffickers. Adults, parents and teens are encouraged to attend this presentation. Refreshments will follow. Questions? Call Karen at 630-969-7644

**Pilgrimage to Rome & Fatima with Fr. Raed Bader**

October 7 - 14, 2019

For more information, please contact Penny Borello at 630-309-1851 or pborello@gmail.com

**~ MIND DIET ~**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 1:30 PM**

This presentation, by Kristin Gustashaw, will detail the 10 foods of the “Mind Diet” that can help lower your risk of Alzheimer’s up to 53% and show you how to incorporate these foods into your everyday life. Call 630-852-0345 to RSVP to this event at Villa St. Benedict in Lisle.
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This Week

Monday / 11
2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55604 Gathering Pl. A
3:30 PM  Basketball Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Boy Scouts Church
6:30 PM  Rosary Chapel
7:00 PM  Catechism Class Chapel

Tuesday / 12
3:30 PM  Basketball Gym
6:00 PM  ALPHA Gathering Place
6:00 PM  Prayer Group Chapel
6:00 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm
6:30 PM  School Advisory Body L.R.C.

Wednesday / 13
8:30 AM  Young Families Play Group Gathering Place
9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion Living Room
1:00 PM  H.S.A. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
3:30 PM  Basketball Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education School/Church
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry ALPHA Underground

Thursday / 14
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study Gathering 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 Gathering Place
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry ALPHA Underground

Friday / 15
5:00 PM  Basketball Gym
6:30 PM  PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 16
12:00 AM  PADS Gym
8:00 AM  Basketball School
3:00 PM  Play Auditions School

Sunday / 17
8:00 AM  RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
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.