6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.”
- Lk 6:22
THE BLUE AND GOLD GALA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Special thanks to:

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Annie Delano, Raffle Chair

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The Sermon on the Plain: A Call to Conversion

The message Jesus delivers in the Gospel reading on the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (February 17) is a difficult one for many to swallow. It is one of those Bible teachings meant to “comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” The Gospel reading is Jesus’ “Sermon on the Plain” and in it we can see how skillfully the writer, Saint Luke, brings us to a place where we must take the words of Jesus with the utmost seriousness (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

Gracious God,

You sent us Your Spirit
to help us
live the Gospel
according to the gifts
we have been given.

Show us how to be
good stewards of
your grace and
passionate followers
of Christ, Your Son.

Grant us the wisdom
to recognize that
through His gift of the Eucharist
there is one bread,
and we are one body.

Give us the strength
to proclaim His Good News
in word and deed.

And teach us to live,
no longer for ourselves,
but in Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

AMEN

Jesus does not ask his listeners to become destitute in order to join the “blessed,” but given the options he presents, it is undeniable that he expects a response that reaches out to others and involves sacrifice.

While Saint Matthew, in his Gospel, begins the “Sermon on the Mount” with eight beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), Luke’s Jesus begins the Sermon on the Plain with just four beatitudes, “blessings,” and four woes. Jesus suggests that there exists a divide between the “blessed” and the “woeful.” It is, however, not the divide that our world would create between winners and losers or the successful and unsuccessful. The blessed may be poor or hungry or weeping or hated. But they are blessed by their faith and trust in God’s mercy and justice and future for them in the kingdom of heaven. To be “blessed” does not mean an absence of struggle. Indeed, to be in a Eucharistic community that lives the Gospel invites exclusion, defamation and even hatred. To be blessed is to live through such opposition aware that the struggle is temporary and that “your reward is great in heaven.”

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A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 2/10/19 $30,401.26
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $973,500.00
Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date $1,088,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $966,510.14
Christmas Collections to Date $108,714.07
Total Collections to Date $1,075,224.21
Total (Under) Goals to Date ($13,275.79)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

The prophet Jeremiah minces no words in today’s first reading: “Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings … whose heart turns away from the LORD.” And the prophet’s “beatitude” resembles that of Jesus’ teaching in today’s Gospel reading when he proclaims: “Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.” Good stewards understand that what the world values is not consistent with Gospel values. They realize that God has placed in their midst all the gifts, charisms, and resources needed to bring Christ to a world desperately in need of his loving presence. But to exercise good stewardship over God’s gifts takes a great deal of trust. How does our stewardship reflect our trust in the Lord? What did we do today to give others hope in Christ Jesus?
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The woeful, on the other hand, are those who have grown comfortable and smug. They may not experience discomfort during this life. But their relative abundance, plentiful tables and good times now will place their future in jeopardy. To live under the verdict of “woe” means condemnation.

The blessed may be poor or hungry or weeping or hated. But they are blessed by their faith and trust in God’s mercy and justice and future for them in the kingdom of heaven.

Notably, Jesus does not ask his listeners to become destitute in order to join the “blessed,” but given the options he presents, it is undeniable that he expects a response that reaches out to others and involves sacrifice. Later in Luke’s Gospel we will meet characters such as Zacchaeus and the Good Samaritan, individuals who were depicted by Luke as willing to put ample material resources at the service of others.

The Sermon on the Plain is challenging. It means to take us out of our “comfort zone” and into a conversion of heart, a change of attitude, a change of vision, and a change in behavior. It is a call for courageous acts of discipleship, a call to use the gifts we have been given to serve others, even strangers. It is a call urging us to take action now so the world will feel the presence of Christ. The Sermon on the Plain is the Lord Jesus calling us: “Come. Follow me.”
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm - Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading - Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel - Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements are in celebration of
Mary & Jerry Stapleton’s 50th Anniversary.

A Warm Welcome
We welcome:
Brenda Ann Cantu
Nancy Garnica
John & Vanessa Gutierrez
Tim & Louise Ryan
Debbie Solverson
Fernando Tello
Richard & Melissa Wagner
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
JANUARY 2019 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 230 Individuals within 112 Families. Our numbers were down due to the inclement weather experienced in January.

St Mary of Gostyn and St Joseph’s in Downers Grove continue to support five Chicago inner city Shelters that are in need; providing over 500 meals each day for our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters. All this is done without impacting what we distribute at our pantries in Downers Grove.

Most needed item is = Canned fruit.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY
1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Fresh Thyme, or Aldi’s. Thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large donation of food from Jim & Lois Murawski in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Thank you to our St Mary’s third graders for your contributions.
4. Thank you Ron & Linda Cuchna family for your food donation.

January Proverb: Don’t walk before me as I may not follow. Don’t walk behind me as I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

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 we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry which is open from 8:00 until 11:00am every Wednesday.

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Reid Harrison Sisco,
son of John & Katharine Sisco
Ethan Augustus Thiele,
son of David & Brittany Thiele
Within SMG’s supportive environment, we use specific techniques to help the children understand what is expected of them and how to be good students and members of the SMG community. We began implementing the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program at SMG this fall. The PBIS program is used to identify, support and emphasize positive desired behaviors in the school setting. Also, an incentive we have a Viking Voucher system in place. Students receive the vouchers by demonstrating these positive behaviors, and any that received vouchers are able to turn them in for a reward of their choice. With the help of Sammy Menapace and Gavin Durkin selecting the lucky student eligible for the redemption, Dylan Palmer turned his vouchers in for a $10 gift certificate to Downtown Downers Grove. Great job by all, keep up the good work!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Julie Riley                   Connie Tran Pescual                  Maureen Toner              Jaclyn Golly                     Nicole Maher
Dolores Mendoza       Spencer Mehr                            Don Sulzer                          Mark Gowgiel                 Joseph Dunne

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Patrick J. Moran

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

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.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, February 23rd and Sunday, February 24th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
A recent ONE topic ONE night centered on eschatological topics: purgatory, limbo, hell and heaven, and our Catholic understanding of each. Here are some highlights.

One topic. One night. One faith.
This Speaker Series aims to provide our parish a platform to foster dialogue, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

Next One topic. One night.
Date: March 14th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Deacon Steve
Topic: The Myths & Truths relating to Divorce, Annulment, and Remarriage

Christ, though his death and resurrection, unlocked the gates of heaven. At our death, we will stand before God at a particular judgement.

“Nothing unclean will enter it...Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” Revelation 21:27

Therefore, a soul must be sanctified, purified of any trace or attachment to sin.

The Doctrine of the Church teaches that this purification happens in Purgatory. All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect. (CCC 1030-1031)

Limbo, the idea of a place for unbaptized babies, is merely theological speculation, and has never been official Church teaching.

The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell “eternal fire”. (CCC 1035)

We, of course, aim for heaven; purgatory is a blessing, a gift of mercy to enter heaven. Heaven is for those who die in God’s grace, the ultimate end for which we all long and strive for, to see God face to face. In the final days, the second coming of Christ, there will be a Last Judgement and all souls will be reunited with their body, and the Kingdom of God will come into fullness.

STATIONS OF THE Cross
Fridays in Lent
7:00 PM in the Church

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for a disabled child, or an aging spouse parent or grandparent, in town or at a distance.

Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional support, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

Be nourished.

www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation-Nourish tab
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 filing out an application form (available on the parish website), and making a $45 deposit.

Questions? Contact Claire: csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

Registration NOW OPEN!

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE TRIP
JUNE 14-16, 2019

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

Be a part of our Youth Group family!! - 8th Grade open House is February 24th from 7-9PM in the Underground!

Guest speaker
Fr. Mark Bernhard

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

High School Session -
6:30PM - Registration & Pizza
6:45 PM - Icebreaker & Music
7:15PM - Talk by Fr. Mark
8PM - Adoration & Closing Prayer
9PM - Dismissal

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

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Feb 20/21  RE class - No Confirmation classes
- Feb 21    Confirmation practice at 6:30pm in church
- Feb 23    Confirmation 11am
- Feb 27/27 RE class
- March 6/7 Ash Wednesday - No RE class

First Communion Reminders
February 19th
First Communion Enrollment Service at 6:30pm

8th Grade Confirmation Reminders

Feb 21st ~ Confirmation Practice at 6:30pm
Confirmation candidates and Sponsors attend

Feb 23rd ~ Confirmation at 11am
Candidates and Sponsors arrive at church at 10:15am.
THE FACEDS OF HOMELESSNESS: IN PLAIN SIGHT AND HIDDEN FROM VIEW
Thursday, February 28 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, 4801 Main Street, Fitzgerald Hall
Presenter: Steve Gaydos

Join Steve Gaydos, parishioner and CPA, Chief Financial and Operations Officer of All Chicago Making Homelessness History as we explore the varied stories behind the faces of homelessness we encounter on our streets, and the stories of many hidden from our view who are in precarious situations due to financial difficulties and other challenges. Jesus speaking about himself, said “the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head” (Matthew 8:20). Reflecting on scripture, the writings of Pope Francis, and his own work with All Chicago Making Homelessness History, Steve Gaydos will help us become more aware of the complexity of homelessness and the complexity of the suffering of our brothers and sisters, while opening our minds and hearts to the simplicity of compassion, accompaniment, and action on their behalf.

MID-LIFE SINGLES (MID-30S TO 50S)
Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs) on Feb 22-24, 2019. Take a chance and get involved... you won’t regret it! Cost is $215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

NEW BEGINNINGS SUPPORT GROUP
New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. Come join us February 19 when we will hear the inspiring story of Julie Papievis and her near death experience from a car accident and recovery from the resulting devastating brain stem injury. Julie has appeared on CNN, WGN, The 700 Club, and Lifetime’s “Beyond Chance.” Her motivating story of being transported to heaven’s doorstep will show us an inspirational and practical approach to dealing with sudden changes in life.
Join us any time every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. (arrive at 7:15 p.m.) at St. Raphael’s Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville. Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions. See more details and any schedule changes, especially any last minute speaker changes, at http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com and view videos for divorced or widowed experiences.

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.

2019 JOLEI DIOCESE
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS
Presider: Father Paul Hottinger
Assisting: Deacon Sean McGreal
St. Margaret Mary Church, 1450 Green Trails Drive
Naperville, IL 60540
Friday, February 22, 2019
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM
Mass 7:30 PM
For more information, please call Joey Rose at: (630) 926-6576
For directions go to www.mmpc.com/info/directions.html

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
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This Week

Monday / 18
12:00 PM  Knights of Columbus  Gym
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM  School Play  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Catechism Class  Chapel

Tuesday / 19
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  First Comm. Enrollment Service  Church
7:00 PM  Athletics Board Mtg.  L.R.C.
7:00 PM  Buildings & Grounds  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Grief Support  Living Room

Wednesday / 20
3:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/ Church
6:00 PM  Cub Scouts - Den 2  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Church

Thursday / 21
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gath. PI/UG
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 Pl. C
6:30 PM  Confirmation Practice  Church/G.P.
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Living Room
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry ALPHA  Underground

Friday / 22
5:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 23
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
11:00 AM  Confirmation  Church

Sunday / 24
8:00 AM  Children’s Choir  Church
8:00 AM  Children’s Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM  Children’s Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Pl. B & C
12:30 PM  Basketball  Gym
1:30 PM  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.