St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
February 24, 2019

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” - Lk 6:36
Saint Mary of Gostyn
Confirmation Class of 2019
February 23, 2019

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Madeline Topic
Declan Trant
Olivia Valente
Caitlyn Vodak
Pierce Walsh
Ellie Watts
The Gospel passage today is a long one, and it is packed full of instructions for those who want to live like Jesus. We can group the teachings here into several categories: how to treat enemies or those who provoke you, how to respond to those who ask things of you, and how to relate to others with whom you disagree or disapprove.

Some people may be fortunate enough to be in a place in life where they don’t feel that they have enemies. Jesus’ teaching to “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you... pray for those who abuse you” might seem like a non-issue. Perhaps these lucky ones can bring greater love into the world by spending effort and energy on loving, blessing, and praying for the “enemies” of those in their families, churches, or nation who have been hurt but haven’t come to a place of forgiveness yet.

Jesus’ words about giving to those who ask something of us calls for a disciplined generosity. Notice that he doesn’t say “give to everyone who begs of you—if they really need it” or “if they won’t waste it on drugs” or “if you think they deserve it.” Later, he instructs us to lend money without expecting anything in return. These teachings require a stance of openness, generosity, non-judgment, and trust that God will work with our giving even if we can’t see how. Finally, several verses focus on how to relate to those we encounter. Jesus says we should not judge or condemn; we should forgive and give freely. It is another way of teaching the Golden Rule, with the promise that eventually “what goes around comes around.”
Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference! The opening report for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today’s bulletin details the many ways our annual appeals helps us offer Signs of Hope of God’s work here on earth.

The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. As you will read in the opening report, gifts to the CMAA make a difference to members of our parish as well as our friends and neighbors and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet last month and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

Our parish’s goal for the 2019 CMAA is $133,400.00. If we raise more than this goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year’s CMAA and making the most generous pledge possible.

**Stewardship**

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Collection 2/17/19 $27,799.12

Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00

**Goals to Date**

- Sunday Goal to Date $1,003,000.00
- Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
- Total Goals to Date $1,118,000.00

**Collections to Date**

- Sunday Collections to Date $994,309.26
- Christmas Collections to Date $108,714.07
- Total Collections to Date $1,103,023.33

Total (Under) Goals to Date ($14,976.67)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

In today’s Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God’s mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God’s mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. How have we experienced God’s mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God’s mercy on someone else today?

**WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING PALMS FOR DISPOSAL THIS YEAR**

**GUIDELINES FOR PROPER DISPOSAL OF PALMS:**

Once Palm crosses have been blessed they are then considered holy objects, and in the service of God. They should be treated with respect. Therefore, it is considered sacrilegious to throw a holy item in the garbage, where it might end up in a sewer or a landfill. The proper way to dispose of Holy Palm crosses is to return them to nature by either burying them or burning them and spreading the ashes outside.
Activity Center Update

We received word this week, Bishop Conlon has APPROVED our Activity Center project and wishes us success! We are very fortunate to have had the support of the Diocese Building Commission throughout this process as well as the positive review from the Diocese Finance Committee. We will proceed full speed ahead in order to finish this project before the year ends.

We are just under $1,700,000 with our fundraising, savings and endowment withdrawals, which positions us to have 75% of the budget in time for the start of the project! The donations have come from many sources at this point: 120 of our school families, 150+ Parishioner families, many of which are alum families, several grandparents of school students, company matching funds, ex-SMG teachers, and the list goes on. As always, our St. Mary’s community has heard the call for support and has delivered. We are so grateful for the support that we have received thus far and assure you that we will continue to look for more potential donors over the timeframe of this project.

Save the Date!
SMG Gym Farewell Open House
Saturday, March 16
2:00-4:00pm

• Join us, as it’s your last chance to say good-bye to the 41 year old gym that has created so many memories for our school and parish families! (Demolition set to begin the week of 3/18.)
• Details to come in the following weeks.

All are welcome! This event is open to all St. Mary of Gostyn School and Parish Families
Questions? Contact Chris Walsh (cwalsh33@yahoo.com), Annemarie Relser (annemarierelser@yahoo.com) or Stacy Flannery (stacyflan2000@yahoo.com)
TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** - David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalm** - The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** - We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Presider Schedule for Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd

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

Medical Missions

I would like to thank all the ladies who have made lap throws so far for our homebound parishioners. I also would like to thank the person who left 6 lap throws with St. Vincent de Paul Pantry and dropped off lap throws at the Parish Center. They are beautiful. Thank you to the persons who have donated yarn for lap throws. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our March meeting will be **Monday, March 4, 2019** in the Gathering Place at 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. I will be there if you need yarn, patterns, or if you need to drop off lap throws. If you know of someone who needs a lap throw, please call Kay Papineau at 630-963-4617 or email me at pkppapineau01@gmail.com. I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you helping the Medical Missions to help the homebound with a lap throw and overseas missionaries with bandages.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BLUE AND GOLD RAFFLE PRIZE WINNER!

Mrs. Asuncion Hizon purchased the winning $15,000 Raffle Ticket from her grandsons who attend St. Mary of Gostyn School. Thank you to Anne and Brian Hizon for selling the winning ticket. We thank all of you who purchased a raffle ticket this year. With your help, our Blue and Gold Raffle raised $37,000 for our School.
Another successful Gala in the books!

Thank you to our Gala Committee and all that attended
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
Leonard Fisher            Marcus Casteneda

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Lane Phillips, sister of Chad Matthews

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.
Fridays in Lent

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday, everyone is welcome.

**1:45 PM in the Church**
March 8, March 15, April 5 and April 12 - Stations of the Cross for Children. All are welcome.

**7:00 PM in the Church**
The evening Stations will feature prayers for particular intention centered on the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.
March 8 - Stations of the Cross for Seniors
March 15 - Stations of the Cross with Mary
March 22 - Station of the Cross with Saint John Paul II
March 29 - You have Redeemed the World
April 5 - Stations for Suffering, Ill & Disabled
April 12 - Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

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**Did you miss it last year?**

**L E N T & Libations**

**ONE topic ONE night**

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: March 14th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Deacon Steve
Topic: The Myths & Truths relating to Divorce, Annulment, and Remarriage

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**one holy catholic apostolic church**
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

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

Be a part of our Youth Group family!!
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- Feb 27/28 RE class
- March 6 Ash Wednesday - No RE class - attend Mass
- March 7 No RE class
- March 13/14 RE Class - Seder Meal for grds 5-7 - Sponsored by 8th grade
- March 20/21 RE class - Lent Reconciliation grds 2,3,4
- March 27/28 No RE Class - Spring Break

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

2/24  3/3  3/10
3/17  4/7  4/14
4/28

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is a great place to start.

Please contact Nicole Szydlowski if you would like more information or you would like to be included in the weekly reminder emails
n_szydlowski@hotmail.com

Here are the dates for the rest of the season:
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 4/7, 4/14, 4/28
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.

JOYFUL AGAIN RETREAT

Widowed and feeling lost? Need help to recognize new direction for your life – while still treasuring memories of your loved one?

Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry presents a Retreat/workshop for widowed men & women All are welcome.

March 9 &10, 2019 at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

To register call: 708-354-7211.

CONFERENCE FOR THE DIVORCED AND WIDOWED

“SIX KEYS TO HEALING AND GOD’S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE”

March 16, 2019
Blanchette Catholic Center
8:30AM- 4:00PM (Concludes with Vigil Mass)

Whether a loss of a spouse is through death or divorce, it is a painful process and often difficult life transition. The Office of Family Ministry is pleased to offer a day of encouragement and support for those who are divorced or widowed. The goal of this day is to help you learn ways to heal and begin to move forward in your life.

Our speaker for the day is Catholic author and speaker Lisa Duffy. A relationship and divorce recovery expert, she experienced the tragedy of an unwanted divorce in the early 1990s. Lisa has nearly 20 years of personal experience helping people rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse. She is the author of a number of books, including Mending The Heart and A Road to Healing. She has instituted the Journey of Hope program in parishes across the US and in Canada. Aside from her dedication to her family, Lisa speaks at conferences, appears on television and radio, coaches one-on-one and in groups and holds online events. She resides in South Carolina with her husband and three children. Her talks will address those who have lost a spouse either through death or divorce.

The conference day begins with a 8:30 a.m. check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00PM. The suggested donation is $35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register by March 11, 2018 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at https://conta.cc/2RULZmA.

Children's Choir ~ Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Any child in grades 3-8, in School, or Religious Education is invited to join the Parish Children’s Choir to sing for Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 21st.

The Children’s Choir rehearsals are:

Thursday, March 21, April 4 & April 11 - 5:45 - 6:45 PM in Church
Tuesday, April 16 - 5:30 - 6:45 PM in Church

The children do not need to fill out a form, simply e-mail Mr. Bisaillon or Mrs. Durham and come to the practices.

Mrs. Durham hreusz@gmail.com
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This Week

Monday / 25
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55103 Gathering Pl. C
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Catechism Class Chapel

Tuesday / 26
2:30 PM Junior Troop #51979 Gathering Pl. A
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
7:00 PM Grief Support Living Room

Wednesday / 27
2:30 PM Play Cast Photos Gathering Place
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
7:00 PM Reverence for Life Chapel

Thursday / 28
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study Gath. Pl/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 Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Youth Ministry ALPHA Underground

Friday / 1
5:00 PM Basketball Gym
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal Gym
6:30 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 2
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Basketball Gym
9:00 AM RCIA Lenten Retreat Chapel
10:00 AM Play Rehearsal Gym
4:30 PM Celtic Mass & Party Church/GP

Sunday / 3
8:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gathering Pl. C
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM Paczki Social Sunday Gathering Place
10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gath. Pl. B & C
12:30 PM Basketball Gym
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Youth Ministry Underground
7:30 PM CRHP #35 - Women Living Room
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.