St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
March 3, 2019

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?” - Lk 6:42a
WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING PALMS FOR DISPOSAL THIS YEAR

GUIDE LINES FOR PROPER DISPOSAL OF PALMS:
Once Palms 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 Palms is to return them to nature by either burying them or burning them and spreading the ashes outside.

Ash Wednesday Schedule
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH
6:15 AM ~ Mass and Distribution of Ashes after the Homily
8:00 AM ~ Mass and Distribution of Ashes after the Homily
12:00 PM ~ Liturgy of the Word Service & Distribution of Ashes at the conclusion of the Service
4:30 PM ~ Mass and Distribution of Ashes after the Homily
7:00 PM ~ Mass and Distribution of Ashes after the Homily

LENTEN REGULATIONS REMINDER
1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Stations of the Cross
Friday afternoon with the School children - All are invited
1:30 PM in the church
March 8 & 15, April 5 & 12

Friday Evenings at 7:00 PM in the church ~ All are welcome
March 8, 15, 22,29, April 5 & 12

Parish Reconciliation Service
Monday, April 8th ~ 7:00 PM

Parish Confession
Tuesday, April 16th ~ 6:30 - 8:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
March 9, 23, 30 April 6 & 13

Wednesday, March 20 & April 3
R.E. Students & Parishioners
4:30 - 5:30 PM & 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 21 & April 4
R.E. Students & Parishioners
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Tuesday, March 12 & 19
School Students & Parishioners
9:00 AM
40 Days of Awakening

- Plant a tree, a bush, or a prairie
- Make someone laugh
- Say, “I’m sorry”
- Mean it
- Try not to waste anything for one whole day
- Join neighbors in a clean-up project
- Share with someone how you pray
- Ask God to do what is best for the public person you dislike most
- Send a crocus to someone from whom you are estranged
- Cement a friendship
- Be patient with others
- Call someone who is lonely
- Help without being asked
- Resist trying to be the center of attention
- Be a shoulder to cry on
- Go to a lecture, hear a concert, see a play
- Make daily prayer a habit
- Refuse to gossip
- Refuse to whine
- Readily forgive anyone who hurts you
- Surprise yourself
- Advocate on behalf of social issues such as affordable housing
- If you love someone, say so
- Make sure your financial investments are socially responsible
- Thank God for the gift of life
- Pray for a friend
- Pray for an enemy
- Visit a church you pass regularly
- Visit a shut-in
- Give away all your “extras”
- Listen to understand others’ points of view
- Find out what a dollar will buy in Peru or Zambia
- Recognize the truth about yourself—no matter how good it is
- Be a peacemaker at work
- Talk with a person a generation older or younger
- Affirm a colleague’s work
- Refuse to judge or categorize others
- Be a sign of hope for someone who is depressed
- Spend some silent time alone
- Imagine peace
- Examine your conscience
- Love more

LENT 2019

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A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 2/24/19  $29,187.48
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19)  $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date  $1,032,500.00
Christmas Goal to Date  $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date  $1,147,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date  $1,023,496.74
Christmas Collections to Date  $108,714.07
Total Collections to Date  $1,132,210.81

Total (Under) Goals to Date  ($15,289.19)

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Jesus used images when speaking to the disciples. Among others, He stated that a tree is known by its yield. Each person speaks from His heart’s abundance. As we persevere in life, we see already the good fruit born with the passage of time. Because of God’s kindness and fidelity, the just man and woman will flourish like a palm tree.
As is often the case, the first reading and the Gospel reading are connected in theme. The first encourages us to judge people by their words, not their physical appearance, because their speech reveals their interior life. Just as good fruit grows from a tree well-cared for, someone who cultivates a good character will speak from that place of goodness. Two centuries later, Jesus echoes the same theme, expanding on it with further examples.

Jesus’ teachings today give a very concrete challenge to all his disciples down through the ages that is often hard for us to hear. Rather than point out the faults of another—"the speck in your neighbor’s eye"—we are asked to notice the wooden beam in our own eye. Of course, we may want to believe that our neighbor has the beam in his eye, while we either have only a speck or maybe even think we are completely clear-sighted!

The paradox is that when we quit focusing on someone else’s faults to remedy our own, we will probably no longer feel the need to stand in judgment of anyone else. Just before this passage, Jesus stated, “Stop judging and you will not be judged.” That statement might seem almost impossible, but if we concentrate on taking the wooden beam out of our own eye that might naturally lead to more compassion and understanding of others’ shortcomings.

The Gospel passage ends with Jesus picking up on a theme in the first reading from the Book of Sirach. Both remind us that we can know a tree by its fruits—good trees will produce good fruit, but rotten trees will not. Though the world may judge people by their “appearance” (their skin color, manner of dress, sexual orientation, language, or religion), Jesus asks us to look deeper to what is in a person’s heart. Ultimately, their words and their actions will reveal what is there.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading - One’s speech shows the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm - Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading - We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel - A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangement is in honor of Bernadette & Jerry Becker’s 60 years as parishioners of St. Mary of Gostyn.

Lost and Soon To Be Gone

It is time for spring cleaning. If you are missing anything, that might have been left in church, please check in the Usher closet located at the Prairie entrance Narthex.

Any unclaimed items remaining after Friday, March 8, 2019, will be disposed of.

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.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th

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

TO OUR SMG BASKETBALL TEAMS!

AS A SCHOOL, SMG FINISHED THE REGULAR SEASON WITH THE BEST RECORD % IN THE DUPAGE PAROCHIAL LEAGUE, ENDING WITH 111 WINS AND 55 LOSSES (66.9% Winning Percentage)!

GREAT WORK BY ALL OF OUR COACHES AND TEAMS

SMG HAD 4 TEAMS FINISH THE REGULAR SEASON IN 1ST PLACE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS:
GIRLS 5A (8-2) PICTURED ABOVE
  GIRLS 7A (9-3)
  GIRLS 7B (11-1)
  BOYS 5A (10-0)

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR TEAM IN THE PLAYOFFS AND GO VIKINGS!
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                            Mark Gowgiel                     Joseph Dunne                   Leonard Fisher
Marcus Casteneda        James Sadowski          Theresa Hurley                    Dotty Briscoe                  Vinny Miraglio

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Beth Dunlap
Joe Oliver, brother-in-law of Charlene Oliver
Caroline Puccini
Donald Sulzer

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

MAKE ST. MARY OF GOSTYN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip__________________________________________________
Email address___________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ (circle one: cell      Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 445 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: https://stmarygostyn.org/new-parishioner-registration/

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STATIONS
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

Next Nourish Meeting:
March 13th
7:00 pm
Parish Center Living Room
All are Welcome

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

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
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

TONIGHT!!!! Email Claire to sign up!

Thanks for joining us at the 8th grade open house!!
Dear Parishioners,

As you know, we have been diligently searching for a new Director of Religious Education for the past seven months. Jen Liszka has done an outstanding job as our Interim during this time. Our process to fill this position has involved careful examination of all submitted resumes of potential candidates, conducted interviews, consultation with our committee members, and prayerful discernment. As a result, we offered the full-time position to Jen Liszka, and she has graciously accepted the position. We are confident that Jen will continue to do a fantastic job overseeing our Religious education and Sacramental preparation program, as we all play an important role to help our students and families deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. As a community of faith, we thank you for your prayers and patience as we continue to support Jen in this important servant leadership role for St. Mary’s. Congratulations to Jen Liszka!!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jim

Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- 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

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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


It’s perfect for kids 3 to 8 years old to learn about the Gospel story through song, prayer and activities.
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
Mr. Bisaillon  sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org

“Notes” on St Mary’s Music and Liturgy

This week we begin the Holy Season of Lent, a time when we simplify our lives so that we can meditate more on the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Here at St Marys, our liturgies and the music we sing will also be more simple. As in every liturgy, the congregation’s full participation in the songs and prayers is desired and encouraged. In order to aid in our participation, the following list can help you find the texts and music that we will be using during this Lent. All are encouraged to sing and recite these throughout the season:

- Our Opening Song will be found in the Green Hymnal at # 561. Note that the 3rd verse will change each week to correspond to the Gospel reading for that Sunday.
- Our spoken Penitential Act will be Form 2 or B and it can be found in both the Green Hymnal on page 29 and in the Brown hymnal on page 4.
- Our sung Gospel Acclamation is printed in the Brown Hymnal on the page corresponding to the Sunday being celebrated.
- Our Holy, Holy and Great Amen will be a simple chant version and it can be found in the Brown Hymnal on pages 11-12.
- Our Mystery of Faith will be spoken by all: Save us Savior of the World, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. (page 11 of the Brown Hymnal)
- We will sing the Latin text of the Lamb of God: Agnus Dei to a simple familiar chant tone which can be found in the Green Hymnal at # 337 or in the Brown Hymnal at # 936.

We will reprint this list throughout the Lenten Season to encourage you to participate fully this Lenten Season by your singing and responses.
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This Week

Monday / 4
8:45 AM Medical Missions Gathering Pl. A
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55326 Gathering Pl. A
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Athletic Meeting Small Conf. Rm.

Tuesday / 5
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 Evangelization Cmte. Large Conf. Rm
7:00 PM Grief Support Living Room

Wednesday / 6
11:00 AM Golden Agers Gathering Place
2:30 PM Daisy Troop #55771 Gathering Place
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday / 7
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study Gath. Pl/UG
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:30 AM Basketball Gym
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Baptism Prep. Class Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fac. Lunch Rm.
7:00 PM School Family Life - 5th Grade Gathering Place
7:00 PM Youth Ministry ALPHA Underground

Friday / 8
1:45 PM School Stations of the Cross Church
5:00 PM Basketball Gym
5:00 PM Youth Ministry - ALPHA Retreat Underground
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal Gym
6:30 PM PADS Gathering Place
7:00 PM Parish Stations of the Cross Church

Saturday / 9
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
12:30 AM Youth Ministry - ALPHA Retreat Underground
8:00 AM Basketball Gym
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women Chapel
9:00 AM Play Rehearsal Gathering Place
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 10
8:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM All School Mass Church
10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word Church
10:00 AM RCIC Underground
12:30 PM Basketball Gym
1:30 PM Baptism Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Youth Ministry Underground
7:30 PM CRHP #35 - Women Living Room
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.