3rd Sunday of Easter

[Jesus] said to him, “Follow me.”

-Jn 21:19b
St. Mary of Gostyn First Communicants
May 4, 2019
Welcome to the Table of the Lord!

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Joseph Balsavich
Hannah Banaszak
Eloise Berger
Lilla Bethell
Chase Betourney
Nicholas Blaha
Brendan Blonigen
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Emma Sullivan
Kaelen Tanaka
Victoria Tinerella
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Sean Upton
Patrick VanDeWalle
Marcus Villanueva
Ashley Warmbir
Tyler Warmbir
Jackson Warner
Grace Watland
Gabriella Weber
Lucas Welp
Charles White
Hillary Whorlow
Brady Rose Wilson
Caroline Wilson
Lucas Yoho
Ava Young
Giuliana Zotta
Estella Zycinski
Jesus Appears to Disciples Who Are Fishing

The Risen Jesus calls to the disciples who are out fishing, just as He had called to them years before. That first time, Jesus invited them to follow Him; this time He commissions Peter to leadership. Three times Jesus asks Peter if he loves him; three times Peter responds that Jesus knows he loves him; three times Jesus tells him to take care of the others: “...Feed my lambs. ...Tend my sheep. ...Feed my sheep” (vv. 15–17).

Jesus specifically calls on Peter to lead the early church. Jesus tells Peter that he is not only to watch over and protect those in his keeping, but also to nourish them and take care of their needs.

There is a great similarity between the family and the church. In fact, since early times, the family has been called the “domestic church.” Both communities share similar visions and tasks. Family and church both have the responsibility of nurturing, supporting and challenging their members to grow to their full potential.

Both communities were founded in love, and both function best when they remember love is both their source and their sustenance. Both communities are called to be welcoming and reconciling. Church members are called to learn, pray, play, celebrate and serve together, and so are families.

Unfortunately because of the splintering of time and collisions of interests in our lives today (both adults and children) being a “family” is no longer a given. Too often we find households of youngsters and adults who share finances and a roof, but hardly a meal or conversation. In today’s culture becoming a family often takes deliberate, intentional planning.

As a parent you are responsible for the members of your flock. It is up to you to protect and nourish them, and, somehow in your busy schedule, find time to be a family.

Good News

Most of us do not enjoy being the bearers of bad news - we leave that to others. It’s much easier to share good news. When Mary Magdalene saw Jesus’ empty tomb, she probably assumed the news was bad: first, Christ was killed; now, his body’s been stolen. But she ran to tell Peter and John, and they ran to look. As the gospel implies, it didn't seem to be a grave robbing, not with the head wrappings neatly rolled up and set aside. Perhaps it was good news after all . . . ? Then people saw Jesus, saw that the news was indeed good. After that, there was no stopping them. It’s safe to assume that before long everyone had heard the news. We read in Acts how Peter addressed the crowd: “I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth.”

Yes, we know. We have heard. We just have to keep on hearing it.
A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 4/28/19 $32,114.03
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $1,268,500.00
Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
Easter Goal to Date $82,000.00
Total Goals to Date $1,465,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $1,259,461.63
Christmas Collections to Date $108,714.07
Easter Collections to Date $88,338.17
Total Collections to Date $1,456,513.87
Total (Under) Goals to Date ($8,986.13)

This weekend’s Gospel reading from John enjoys a number of themes not least of which has to do with hearing Christ’s call to live differently but returning to our “comfort zones.” Even after seeing the risen Lord and receiving his blessing and missionary charge, his disciples go back to what they were doing before Jesus first called them. Instead of continuing Jesus’ ministry, they return to the life they knew. When faced with the choice between embarking on a new way of life or staying where life is familiar and comfortable, they chose the latter. Good stewards know that Christ has called them to open their hearts and live in a different way. How often do we retreat from the Lord’s call so that we may remain with what is comfortable and familiar?

Our Mother’s Day Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, beginning on Mother’s Day, May 12th thru May 20th.

Pick up a Mother’s Day (living) spiritual bouquet greeting card at the Network Desk in the narthex of the church or at the Parish Center offices.

To include your deceased Mother, there is no need for the card, please use the envelope provided to enroll them.

The names of Mothers enrolled by Monday, May 6th, will be published in the bulletin on Mother’s Day.

This is a beautiful way to remember your Mother on her Special Day.

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Our triune God dwells within us, so our relationship with the Father, Son, and Spirit is, necessarily, the most intimate one we will ever have with any being. Still, our knowledge and understanding of this relationship are mainly derived from our experiences in other relationships, beginning, of course, with the parent/child relationship. In our sorrows and joys, most of us learn early in life that we can go to Dad or Mom.

It is within such human experiences of loving familial relationships that we begin to understand our relationship with God. A baby cries out in the night. Soon, Father is there to comfort the child and rock her back to sleep. A child falls and is hurt. Again, Mother is there, with a kiss and a band-aid to “make it all right.” A child comes into the room, newfound treasure in hand and wide grin on face, and shares his delight with his parents.

In the sacraments of initiation, we receive the Spirit, “the Advocate... [who] will teach [us] everything, and remind [us] of all” that Jesus has told us. The Holy Spirit will guide us in all our ways until Jesus returns in glory, even uttering our prayers for us when we do not know the words to say (Rom 8:26-27). Prayer is our conversation, our most foundational means of sharing our lives with God. We can bring both sorrows and joys to our prayer with confidence, in the same ways that we can (or could) always approach our parents.

Jesus tells his disciples things in advance of their happening, so that when those things occur the disciples will come to fully understand and grow in trust. He teaches them the ways in which they are to carry on in his absence, and gifts them with the Holy Spirit to guide them until he returns in glory. We are today’s disciples of Jesus Christ. It is important for us to reflect upon the ways in which God acts in our lives, so that we can deepen our faith and confidence in God’s presence and active care for us.
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2018
6:15 AM - Kitty McCartin req. Calistro Family

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
6:15 AM - Maureen McAleese req. Bob & Ginger Jurish
8:00 AM - Larry Huene req. Mike & Mary Signer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Loretta Sepulveda

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019
8:00 AM - Kelly McHugh Walters req. Family

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019
6:15 AM - Andrea Nelson req. Brian & Mary Sanderson
8:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Bolduc & Eichhorn Families req. Family
8:45 AM - School May Crowning Service

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019
8:00 AM - Virginia Mates req. St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
4:30 PM - For All Mothers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019
8:00 AM
10:00 AM For All Mothers
12:00 PM Living & Deceased
6:00 PM

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).
Second Reading — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).
Gospel — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
Around the Parish

ST. MARY’S MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND SPRING MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
at 7:00 PM
Location: Parish Center Underground

Anyone interested in the Ministry to the Homebound is invited to attend.

Baptism

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

Sebastian James Bodmer,
son of Oliver & Jacqueline Bodmer

James Ryan Andros
son of Britt & Katherine Andros

Sebastian Dylan Danganon Gutierrez,
son of John & Vanessa Gutierrez

Isla Ashley Kok-Alblas,
daughter of Jeffrey & Ashley Kok-Alblas

Beau Brennan Pantaleo,
son of Deane & Ariana Pantaleo

Check us out on the web!

www.stmarygostyn.org

Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

Medical Missions

I would like to thank all the ladies who have made lap throws so far for our homebound parishioners. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our March meeting will be Monday, May 6, 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 Pipineau at 630-963-4617 or email me at pkpppipineau01@gmail.com. I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

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

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

• Our Lady calls you by name.
• Bring Her into your home for 1 week.
• Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
• Invite family, neighbors, or friends.
• Receive Her into your home and witness the many blessings and graces that She brings.

We will bring Our Lady to your home from Saturday to Saturday and provide the Rosary materials. Please call Diana @ (630) 971-1026 and reserve your week with Our Lady.

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Michael Burke
Anthony & Danielle DeChristopher
Daniel & Miriam Fife
Richard & Dana Karnia
Justin & Rachel Marti
Jeff & Karen Jarosky-Renzi
Gary & Terisia Wernett
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, May 8
Parish Center
9:30 AM
Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney

On the last day of 1984, an elderly woman takes a walk and falls into step with the memories of her life.

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

SMG Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, May 16
Parish Center
7:00 PM
Make Your Bed by William McRaven

The author shares the principles he learned as a Navy SEAL that have helped him overcome challenges throughout his life.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
Please join us for St. Mary of Gostyn’s Spring Musical

Seussical Jr.

The middle school students will be performing on the following dates:

- Wednesday May 8th at 7:00 pm
- Thursday May 9th at 7:00 pm
- Friday May 10th at 7:00 pm
- Saturday May 11th at 7:00 pm
- Sunday May 12th at 2:00 pm

All shows will be performed in the auditorium at Montini Catholic High School 19W070 E 16th St. Lombard, IL 60148.

Tickets for each performance and can be purchased online at:
https://smgplay2019.brownpapertickets.com

Questions? Email Julie Boyle – julie.boyle@me.com

We look forward to seeing you at the show!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly      Bob Earley                          Spencer Mehr                          Joseph Himpler                          Makayla Weiland
Marcus Casteneda              Hugh Toner      Christopher Toner               Gail Hayes        Mark Gowgiel
John Sommer

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.

Nursing Home/Hospital Visitation

Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation. (Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).

Presider Schedule for Saturday, May 11th and Sunday, May 12th

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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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Mom, Dad, Grandparents: Know a Grad?

Know a college-bound senior? Help them stay connected to their faith. Here's how: www.stmarygostyn.org

Wed. May 8th
7:00 pm
Parish Center

Topic:
Family Dynamics: the Good, the Bad & the Ugly
All are Welcome

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, 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. Be nourished.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick within the Mass
Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 AM

Registration is helpful: www.stmarygostyn.org

"I have heard your prayers, I have seen your tears. Now I am anointing you."
2 Kings 20:50
“Hatred is not a creative force. Only LOVE is creative.”

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pray for Us!!

Picture by Cassie Pease designs.

Calling all High School Seniors......

National College Decision Day

Decision Day?

SHOUT IT OUT!

Tell us so we can help you stay connected and continue to grow in your faith!

www.stmarygostyn.org

↓ TONIGHT!! ↓

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR A
CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!


Thanks for serving at PADS, and for celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with Sundaes!!
Activity Center News

Our thanks to all of you who have supported our efforts for the Activity Center thus far. Donations have been received from many different sources: Parishioners, School Families, Families of Alum, Alum of the School, Grandparents of current School Students, and many businesses and companies who match employees’ charitable donations. We appreciate everyone’s contributions and ask that you pray for continued progress in funding this project.

Besides the monetary donations for this project, we are also looking for donations of in kind services and materials, in particular, we can use landscaping material and the labor for installation. Other donations of services or money for interior painting and graphics for the walls (ie, our Viking Logo for the gym wall, Biblical verses for the Activity Center space, etc) would be greatly appreciated.

As of the printing of this bulletin, we have been waiting for our building permits to be released from the Village of Downers Grove. Once we have word, we will begin work immediately as we have all of the preliminary work completed for the site. Stay tuned...

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

With the start of the spring season, our landscaping will be greening up. While this is so welcome, it brings with it outside chores to keep it thriving. We have been so fortunate over the years to have two groups of volunteers who maintain our beds with plantings and flowers and also brighten up our Grotto with seasonal décor.

The Wynne family has been maintaining the Grotto for the past ten years and have let us know that they are no longer able to help with this. We thank them for their service and are looking for a few people who would be interested in this Ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family or small group to work together to keep this area fresh and maintained throughout the spring and summer primarily.

We would also like to add additional volunteers to our Garden Angels who maintain our planting beds around the Church, Parish Center and the front entrance to the School. Ideally, we would like to divide up the grounds, so a team can be responsible for a limited section of the property. All ages are invited to help, including high schoolers and middle schoolers. (This is a great service opportunity for someone who needs some hours.) A knowledge of gardening is highly recommended, but we may be able to use teams with only one experienced person and others with strong backs and a love of getting outside and working with their hands!

If either of these outdoor Ministries would appeal to you, please contact Terri O’Dekirk at todekirk@stmarygostyn.org or 630-737-9621.

Lastly, as you divide out any of your own perennials, or find you bought too many other plants for your home space, let us know. We can always use new planting material to freshen up our outside spaces.
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## This Week

### Monday / 6
- **8:45 AM** Medical Missions Gathering Pl. A
- **2:30 PM** Brownie Troop #55326 Gathering Pl. A
- **2:30 PM** Daisy Troop #55604 Gathering Pl. C
- **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts Gathering Place
- **6:30 PM** Rosary Church
- **7:00 PM** Catechism Class Chapel

### Tuesday / 7
- **3:15 PM** Altar Server Training Church
- **6:00 PM** Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm. Prayer Group Chapel
- **6:00 PM** School Testing Gathering Place

### Wednesday / 8
- **8:00 AM** School Testing Church
- **9:30 AM** Book Discussion Group Living Room
- **1:00 PM** H.S.A. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
- **1:00 PM** School Testing Gathering Place
- **4:30 PM** Religious Education School, Church
- **6:30 PM** Religious Education School, Church
- **6:30 PM** 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
- **7:00 PM** Homebound Ministry Underground
- **7:00 PM** Nourish for Caregivers Living Room

### Thursday / 9
- **9:00 AM** CAFÉ Bible Study Gath. Place/UG
- **1:15 PM** Small Christian Communities Living Room
- **4:30 PM** Religious Education School
- **7:00 PM** 10:00 Choir Rehearsal Church

### Friday / 10
- **8:45 AM** School May Crowning Service Church
- **9:15 AM** School - 8th Grade Gathering Place
- **6:30 PM** PADS Gathering Place

### Saturday / 11
- **12:00 AM** PADS Gathering Place
- **8:30 AM** CRHP #17 - Women Chapel

### Sunday / 12
- **1:30 PM** Communal Baptism Church
- **4:30 PM** 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
- **7:00 PM** Youth Ministry Underground
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.