5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” - Jn 13:34
Father’s Day Novena Masses
Sunday, June 16th ~
Monday, June 24th

Our Father’s Day Novena of Masses will be offered for all Father’s, living and deceased, beginning on Father’s Day, June 16th thru June 24th. Pick up a Father’s Day (living) spiritual bouquet greeting card at the Faith Network Desk in the narthex of the church or at the Parish Center offices.

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

The names of Fathers enrolled by noon on Monday, June 3rd, will be published in the bulletin on Father’s Day.

This is a beautiful way to remember your Father on his Special Day.

Activity Center News

THE PERMIT IS HERE AND WE ARE READY TO START. Thank you all for your support and prayers as we move forward with this project.

The first phase will begin with iron workers reinforcing the ceiling beams in the existing gym. This will provide additional support for the roof as we begin to demolish parts of the existing building. Once this work is complete, the cement floor will be saw cut north to south in the area where the new dividing wall will be erected between the multi-purpose room and the gym. The interior wall can then go up, providing additional support to the original structure prior to taking the outside east wall down.

We will continue to keep you updated with our progress. Let the fun begin....
A Measure for Love

There are teachings of Jesus that seem to sum up his message perfectly. The Golden Rule-“Do unto others as you would have them do to you” - is one example. Another appears in the Gospel passage from John today. “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (Jn. 13:34).

If Jesus had left this new commandment at “love one another,” it would have been open to more interpretation. What one person might consider love (“I beat my child to teach him a lesson because I love him”) would be offensive to another person’s understanding of love. If we think only in terms of “love one another” we might be tempted to reduce it to something like “Do no harm.” That could let us off the hook for not being proactive to help others, as long as we aren’t actively making someone’s life harder. Adding the line “as I have loved you, so you also should love one another” calls us to measure how we define love against how Jesus lived it out.

Jesus was honest and direct in calling people to accountability for their actions, and he challenged them to stretch to be better. But he didn’t shame people. He didn’t withhold forgiveness, no matter what the sins were. He always moved to bring people back into the community rather than condemning them to be outcasts.

He stood up for those being cheated or exploited by the wealthy and powerful. He reached out to the sick and the lame, offering his healing presence no matter how grotesque their illness or disfigurement was. Let us then love one another as Jesus showed us how.

Questions of the Week

• Share an example of something done under the guise of “love” when deep down you know that is not what Jesus would have done.

• What changes for you when “love one another” becomes “love one another as I have loved you”?

Thank You
8th Grade Altar Servers

We honor and Bless our 8th Grade Altar Servers who have responded to the needs of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish and have committed themselves to God’s Service as Altar Servers. We thank them for their years of service as Altar Servers and pray that the light of Christ may shine in their hearts.

Mary Claire Albian
James Almeida
Mike Budzynski
Elizabeth Carlson
Maeve Courtney
Annie Flynn
Leo Gartlan
Kiki Gaughan
Brendan Harker
Moira Jermak
Kaitlin Jescke
Morgan Lally
Maddie Maci
Kate Palczynski
Samuel Panatera
Zoe Petro
Summer Phillipe
Sam Ruddy
Enzo Shaw
Kate Southworth
Grace Tierney
Madeline Topic
Pierce Walsh
In today’s Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with his disciples before his death. He has already made it clear that his followers will show their love for him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells his disciples that he and his Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God’s presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?

Stewardship

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Every time I read Paul’s description of the love Jesus practiced and in turn expects his disciples to practice, I cringe. Paul writes, “Love is patient... it does not insist on its own way...” (1Corinthians 13:4–5). Perhaps this is such a difficult notion to embrace because patience does not come easily to me. When I was raising my children, it seemed an impossible feat to maintain my patience.

I love my children, and I would give my life for them. But there were times when they were young that I was anything but patient and mild-tempered. At one point, I had a six-year-old, three little ones under the age of three and a husband who traveled.

There were days when the children teased each other, screamed and fought, and I joined right in, screaming even louder. I would go to bed hating myself, resolving to keep my cool the next day, but I’d get up in the morning and before noon I would lose my temper again. Finally, on a retreat, I learned that there were some things about ourselves that we just can’t change through sheer willpower. No matter how much we want to, no matter how many times we try, we just can’t do it.

So, as the retreat director had suggested, I turned it over to God. Every morning, I asked God for the patience I needed to get me to lunch. At lunch, I prayed to make it to dinner, at dinner, to bedtime. And it worked. After a few weeks I woke up to a different household. Because I was calmer, so were the kids. God’s patient love became mine. I’d like to say the change was permanent, but it wasn’t. I’d break the cycle and have to start praying hourly all over again. But I learned something very important through it all. I learned that the love Paul was talking about in 1 Corinthians is God’s love, which is even more powerful than a mother’s love. The good news is that this love is mine for the asking, and once I receive it I am free to share it with my children.
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2018
6:15 AM - Eduardo Alvisse req. Nora Alvisse
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019
8:00 AM - Robert P. Noonan req. Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019
6:15 AM - Ronald Rodi Sr. req. JoAnn Rodi & Family
8:00 AM - Loretta Ocwieja req. Family
Marie Langer req. Family

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019
8:00 AM - Marvin Ronaldson req. Family
Andrew Mogni req. Gene & Blanca Adams and Family

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019
6:15 AM - Thomas Meade req. Fran Belcastro
8:00 AM - Arlene Cihlar req. Audrey Votava

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019
8:00 AM - Toner, Hadank, Buckley & Newton Families req. Hugh & Maureen Toner
4:30 PM - Loretta Wies req. George & Shelby Vogrin
Barbara & Raymond Heye req. Family

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019
8:00 AM - Dave Craven req. Family
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Donald Wing req. Bill & LeAnne Brown
6:00 PM - Paul Wojcik req. Kay Papineau

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).
Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — God’s dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).
Gospel — This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Americans are, by their nature, very generous.

More often than not, that generosity reflects what is in our wallet or checkbook. We may drop in a few dollars in the Salvation Army kettle or perhaps buy some Girl Scout cookies. When tragedy strikes, we empathize and send a check to the American Red Cross or Doctors without Borders. All of these expressions of love come from our disposable income. We may like to make a bigger impact but our cash flow often won’t allow it.

Each of us also have causes near and dear to our heart. A children’s hospital, for example, may have performed a surgery which allowed a child or grandchild to lead a normal lifestyle. A local hospice may have brought much peace and comfort to a loved one in their last days. Because of these life altering experiences, we feel a connection to these institutions and may remember them with an annual gift and even a planned gift.

Where does St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School fill into your estate plans? Have they not shared important milestones with you and your family?

Planned gifts allow you to create a meaningful legacy and also satisfy personal, financial and estate planning goals. It is not simply about giving money away. As was outlined in previous bulletin articles, it is a host of options that benefits the causes that are most dear to you while often providing you with tax benefits while making a significant difference in the lives of parishioners and school children.

**Presider Schedule for Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th**

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

**Forty-first Annual Wedding Anniversary**

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-first Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office by Friday, May 31st so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

**Baptism**

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

- **Isabela Amelia Anita McMath Ignace**, Daughter of Patrick McMath & Aubrey Ignace
- **Declan Joseph Lynch**, Son of Dominic & Erica Lynch
- **Wesley Joseph Quinn**, Son of Zachary & Jenna Quinn
Maydevotions to the Blessed Virgin Maryrefer to special devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honoring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May". Thank you to everyone that helped us honor the Virgin Mary during our Mass ceremony.
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly          Makayla Weiland          Marcus Casteneda          Hugh Toner          Christopher Tone
Gail Hayes           Mark Gowgiel           John Sommer              Richard Rosko          Bob Earley
John Duffy           Matthew Vincenti       Lourdes Malicay           Gilda Pancotto          Pat Metzger Noonan

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Sharon Duro
Gerry Higgins, father of Hilary Denk
John Kwong
Katharine Schewe
Anne Szymski

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).

Interested in a Ministry?  Want to become more involved in parish life?
We would love to hear from you!
Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!
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:** May 21st at 7:00pm  
**Topic:** What is a Consecration and why do it?

**What is a Consecration and Why Do It?**

To help families live out the joy and mission of a Catholic life in the fullest, the act of consecrating one’s family to the Holy Family is a tradition in the church that has seen a resurgence in recent years. Saint Mary's Knights of Columbus Council, will explain what a family consecration means, and offer the opportunity to participate.

This evening is open to all parishioners: bring your family, or if that’s not feasible, bring a photo!
Youth Ministry Wish List

- Food and beverage items:
  - Individual packages of crackers/cookies/granola bars/fruit snacks
  - Candy to give away at various youth ministry events (can be leftover or new bags)

- New or gently used sports equipment:
  - Volleyball, soccer ball, rubber kick-ball, Frisbee, plastic cones, hula hoops, rubber bases.
  - Most importantly, please PRAY for us! This is a huge task that is SO important – please pray for those involved in youth ministry, for those who aren’t yet involved, for teens to have a deepening of faith & relationship with Christ, for all those involved in helping out/planning and running YM events that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit!

Questions?
Contact Claire Simeo, Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
youthministry@stmarygostyn.org
630-969-1063, ext 256

**All items can be dropped off at the parish center office
Thank you for your generosity!
Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- **May 31**  Last day for Returning Family Registration
- **July 1**  RE Registration opens for all St Mary’s families

As a class project, Mrs. Finn & Mrs. Curran’s Wed 6:30pm 4th grade RE class wrote letters to Pope Francis. The class received a response from the Pope thanking them for writing to him.
Donations are matched with Catholic Charities’ Angel Fund!

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is facing an especially challenging year. Significant government funding cuts to emergency homeless shelters have left the future of Daybreak Center in jeopardy. These funding changes will require the Agency to secure an additional $500,000 annually to operate the Catholic Charities, Daybreak Shelter.

By the grace of God, we were blessed with an angel who will match your donations – up to $50,000. Will you join our angel to help the homeless and others who live in poverty who are served by Catholic Charities? With your support, Catholic Charities can continue to serve our poor and vulnerable neighbors.

Every day, we meet individuals who are experiencing poverty, but are motivated to create a brighter future through hard work. The resources provided by Catholic Charities, including those at Daybreak Center, are vital to the well-being of our clients and to the entire community. Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn’t there to help.

Please send in a donation by May 31st. Make checks payable to:
Catholic Charities: Angel Fund
16555 Weber Rd. Crest Hill, IL 60403
Donations can also be made at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140.

Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. If you can’t send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and needy in your prayers.

Do you feel called to be a spiritual director
Mayslake Ministries is now accepting new candidates for our upcoming 2019-2020 Sacred Presence Program. This intensive ten-month program provides men and women with the spiritual formation and necessary skills to answer God’s call to the Ministry of Spiritual Direction. Classes begin in September and space is limited. For more information visit our website at www.mayslakeministries.org or call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000.
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This Week

Monday / 20
1:00 AM School: 8th Grade Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Catechism Class Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Band Concert Gathering Place
7:00 PM Boy Scouts L.R.C.
7:00 PM CRHP #25 - Men Chapel

Tuesday / 21
8:00 AM School: Testing Gathering Place
6:00 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
7:00 PM Athletics Board Meeting L.R.C.
7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM One Topic: One Night Gathering Place

Wednesday / 22
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Reverence for Life Chapel

Thursday / 23
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
6:30 PM R.E. Catechist Meeting Gathering Place
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday / 24

Saturday / 25

Sunday / 26
1:30 PM Communal Baptism Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church

I give you a new commandment: love one another
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.