6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” - Jn 14:27
We are celebrating Father Shaun’s three years with us at St. Mary’s the weekend of June 8th and 9th with receptions after all of our regular Masses.

Join us in the Gathering Place after each Mass (Saturday evening as well as all Masses on Sunday) for refreshments and fellowship.

This will be a great time to wish him well as he leaves us to start his new assignment at Visitation Church in Elmhurst.
Jesus Offers His Disciples Peace

Jesus promises his disciples to be with them and in them if they love him and keep his word. He promises to send the Holy Spirit, who will continue to teach them and remind them of what Jesus told them. Finally, Jesus tells them not to be troubled or afraid. He promises them his peace: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you”.

There were so many times in my years of parenting when all I wanted was a little peace. With seven of us in the house, it seemed there was always someone wanting something or arguing with somebody. As toddlers and teens, my kids badgered and whined, poked and pushed. Often I just wanted to say yes when no was the right answer, or give in to the loudest protester just for some peace and quiet.

Real peace, the peace Jesus talks about, is not the same as the peace which is the opposite of war. Arguments can continue, battles can be waged, people can disagree—but we can still experience God’s peace. God’s peace is not grounded in a particular condition or position. It is grounded in love. God’s peace is an inner calm, a certainty that all will be well.

While peace and quiet do not necessarily go hand in hand, I discovered early in my parenting that I needed a little quiet to remind myself that God is with me and God is in me. I needed to set aside time each day when the kids were safely settled (usually during their daily dose of Sesame Street) to sit in quiet prayer. And I needed a yearly getaway retreat to rest and to restore body and spirit.

If you are like me and find it difficult to remain calm and not answer every angry word with an even angrier retort, if it is hard for you to say, “No, you can’t,” and not dissolve when called the meanest mom or dad in the world—then perhaps you, too, need to find some quiet time for prayer, to let go of your burdens and injuries so that your hands are free to accept God’s gift of peace. Once you accept it, and rest in that gift, you can share it with all those around you.

Thank You 8th Grade Altar Servers

Last weekend, we honored our 8th Grade Altar Servers who have committed themselves to God’s Service.

Here is the complete list of Altar Servers who were honored.

Mary Claire Albian
James Almedia
Ava Bechstein
Michael Budzynski
Elizabeth Carlson
Annie Flynn
Leo Gartlan
Kiki Gaughan
Brendan Harker
Moira Jermak
Kaitlin Jeschke
Wilson Kramnic
Morgan Lally
Michael Logan
Maddie Maci
Nicole Moravec
Kate Palczynski
Samuel Panatera
Zoe Petro
Summer Phillipe
Samuel Ruddy
Enzo Shaw
Kate Southworth
Grace Tierney
Madeline Topic
Pierce Walsh
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.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 5/19/19 $27,522.87
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $1,357,000.00
Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
Easter Goal to Date $82,000.00
Total Goals to Date $1,554,000.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collection to Date $1,344,403.52
Christmas Collection to Date $108,714.07
Easter Collection to Date $91,568.17
Total Collections to Date $1,544,685.76
Total (Short of) Goals to Date $9,314.24

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity throughout the summer months.

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?
Because I have Faith

To passersby, the old woman sitting on the porch swing looked bored. Who could imagine doing nothing all day, all summer long — just sitting there, humming old tunes and staring out into the street? A neighbor who sometimes took the time to talk with the woman knew otherwise. Inside this wrinkled, old body was great wisdom and serenity, the kind that only age imparts.

"I never worry," the old lady volunteered one day, "because God is my savior."

"But, how can you be so sure?" the visitor inquired.

"Because I have faith."

The woman had no fancy explanations or sermons. She had confidence because she had faith. The concept sounds so simple, yet in reality it is a challenge. Our faith is tested by everyday demands. One woman’s faith was tested when she lost a husband in Vietnam and a son in a cycle crash. A family’s faith was on the line when their toddler died after surgery. An athlete’s faith underwent scrutiny when his future was dulled by a diving accident. In many small and profound ways, our faith is tested.

But we truly do have cause to celebrate. We have the confidence of knowing God will see us through all trials. It is not financial success or worldly power that matters in God's eyes. God looks for signs that we steadfastly strive to follow Jesus’ path.

FAITH SHARING

Examine the Apostles’ Creed together as a family. What do we, as Catholic Christians really believe? Go through each line and discuss its impact on your lives.

* When do I lose confidence in myself? In my faith? In others?
* How can my faith be more alive and visible? From my personal experience, how would I compare power and strength?
* Am I powerful? Strong? Is my family?
TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).
Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)
Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23)
Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bc-6; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
**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.

**MEMORIAL GIVING CARDS**

Attending wake services can be a very stressful time for all parties concerned. As visitors, we generally try and buoy the emotions of the family that lost a loved one by sharing stories, experiences, and anecdotes about how much the deceased had touched our life. We genuinely celebrate the impact the departed made in the success of the organizations they worked at or participated in. You want to be comforting, but words fail. You want a remembrance that is lasting, but flowers wilt. Often times, funeral announcements will convey family wishes that, in lieu of sending flowers, those inclined to such a gesture be given the opportunity to support a cause near and dear to the heart of the person who has gone on to his/her eternal reward. Examples include the American Cancer Society, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or a local Hospice organization. In addition, families often designate a school or parish to receive such funds.

We are pleased to announce that if you choose to honor a loved one to whom St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School has been major influences in their life, our local funeral homes now have cards available to carry out those wishes. We have met with officials from Adams, Winterfield, & Sullivan, Toon, Hallowell & James, Modell, and Knollcrest Funeral Homes. All you need to do when making arrangements for a loved one is tell them you prefer St. Mary’s Parish or School be the recipient of monetary expressions of grief.

**Presider Schedule for Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd**

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

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Gail Hayes                      Mark Gowgiel                           John Sommer               Richard Rosko           Bob Earley
John Duffy                      Matthew Vincenti               Lourdes Malicay              Gilda Pancotto          Spencer Mehr
George Metzger          Jaclyn Golly                              Pat Metzger Noonan

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
Maggie Benhart

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 parish office 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 parish office of request for visitation).

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/
This month’s topic:
The Spirituality of Asking for and Receiving Help

Asking for help is often one of the most difficult things for us to do. Yet, it is in these times that we can see Christ at work in our lives. Learn to embrace the humility and strength of Christ as we explore the spirituality of asking for and receiving assistance.

Be nourished.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com
Blanket-making last Sunday = Success!! Thanks for joining us!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS SUMMER?
HELP US KEEP St. Mary’s beautiful

Join Claire & the Garden Angels, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10AM-11AM (starting June 4)
We’ll grab a snack, start with a prayer, and pull weeds, water, plant, and maintain the gardens outside St. Mary’s. Meet in the grotto
Open to all middle & high schoolers. Please sign-up on our website!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

USE YOUR SUMMER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD’S LIFE!

ALL TEENS WELCOME!
RSVP TO CLAIRE
MEET AT ST. MARY’S PARKING LOT AT 11:30AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH NOON-2PM

JOIN US TONIGHT!

Why Pro-Life? What does this Mean?

Come with your questions! With Guest speaker AnneMarie Kronin from Waterleaf Women’s Center
Mom, Dad, Grandparents:

**Know a Grad?**

Help college-bound seniors stay connected to their faith: Many campuses have a Newman Center or Campus Ministry and the Diocese of Joliet partnered with the *New Connection* to register students. This no-cost resource connects high school seniors with the campus ministry at colleges and universities across the US. By simply submitting student's name and school they're headed to, the school can then reach out to incoming students from our parish to welcome and invite them to social and faith-based events to build relationships and nurture their faith. Here's how: www.stmarygostyn.org

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**Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Bring Her into your home for one 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.
The Knight’s Corner

Announcements

KOC Bags Tournament
Our first bags tournament was a great success. We were able to raise $300 for SEASPAR (South East Association for Special Parks And Recreation), a special recreation association that provides dynamic programs and quality recreation services for people with disabilities residing in our twelve community service areas. The tournament winning team was Michael Geist/Pat Janowicz with second place going to Ray Rios/Clark Davis. The winner of the custom BEARS bag set went to Dominic Mancini of Hinsdale.

Knight’s Food for Families Program
As part of this program, $500 was donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

Veneration of the Cross
Several Knights assisted the congregation on Good Friday for this devotion.

Key Dates
The Knights next meeting will be on June 6th.

Membership Information
If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

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.

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Volunteers Needed
Catholic Communion Ministry
Good Samaritan Hospital – Downers Grove
Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz
Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@advocatehealth.com
Or 630-852-5347

2019 JOLIET DIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Presider: Father Paul Hottinger
Assisting: Deacon Dan Danahey
St. Margaret Mary Church
1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL 60540
For more information, please call Joey Rose at: (630) 926-6576

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This Week

Monday / 27
9:00 AM  Memorial Day Mass  Church
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church

Tuesday / 28
9:30 AM  Kindergarten Graduation  Church
6:00 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm
6:00 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Finance & Admin. Cmte.  Large Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 29
6:00 PM  8th Grade Dinner Dance  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church

Thursday / 30
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
7:00 PM  8th Grade Graduation  Church

Friday / 31
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #51979  Gathering Pl. C
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #50689  Gathering Pl. A

Saturday / 1
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 2
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. R
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry  Underground

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Please mark your calendar. This year’s 2019 dates for our two clothing drives are:
June 30th and October 13th
God Bless

Wishing you a blessed Memorial Day.
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.