17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9
14th Annual SMG 5 K Run

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Registration is now open

www.stmarygostyn.org

5 K RUN/WALK:  Starts at 8:00 am
COST:  Pre-Race $30.00, Day of Race $35.00

1 MILE YOUTH RACE:  Starts at 9:15 am
COST:  Pre-Race and Race Day $15.00

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

VOLUNTEER  (email todekirk@stmarygostyn.org)
SPONSOR (info on our website)
TELL YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND
FAMILY TO JOIN US

Need more information, email todekirk@stmarygostyn.org
How can I tell what my vocation is?

I come from a very strict Catholic family. My uncle is a priest, and I think my mother would like me to be a Sister. We are always going to church together and praying the rosary, which I like. How do I know if I am called to be a Sister?

Finding out what God wants us to do with our lives is one meaning of discernment. The first thing to do is ask the obvious questions: Am I able to do the work I will have to do? Am I able to learn what I will have to learn? Am I interested in the kind of lifestyle I will have to undertake?

These questions apply to all vocations, including married life, priesthood, and the single life. If only one vocation adequately answers all these questions, then your discernment is finished. If not, you must consider further questions and signs to help in your discernment. You should meet those who have the vocation you are thinking about and talk to them. People who live a vowed religious life can help you decide if God is calling you.

It is important to find the vocation meant for you, because that is your path to holiness. Above all, you must pray. When you ask God to reveal your vocation to you, God will respond. Prayer is really the most important part of discernment. Prayer is communicating with God, and God knows what we are called to do.

Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday (July 29), is the memorial of Martha. For many of us in ministry, it is hard to balance the Mary and Martha within us. We can create rich and beautiful liturgical celebrations for our faith communities, but it is all for naught if we aren’t taking times to nourish our own spirits. Besides taking a vacation, it is important for those who minister in the church to take a few days in prayerful retreat, or in spiritual direction.

SOUTHTHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

A businessman was waiting for a bus on a cold, wet night. Up came a man who had had a bit too much to drink. Tapping the businessman on the chest with an empty beer bottle, he said, “Do you believe in God?” The businessman ignored him. But the man persisted. Finally, the businessman, said, “Yes,” expecting an argument. But the man just looked at him and said, “Are you ever lucky!” then he disappeared into the night.

How much do I appreciate the “treasure” I have in my faith?
Religious Education Dates

- July 1  RE Registration opened for 2019/20
- Aug. 19  Confirmation Retreat 8:30am to 4:30pm
- Aug. 28  Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30pm for 7th & 8th grade Parents
- Sept. 4  Opening RE Mass 6:30pm for all RE families
- Sept 9  First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- Sept. 11/12  First day of RE classes

A CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Who Makes a Good Catechist?

- A person of faith who wants to share it.
- Someone willing to work with children, or middle schoolers.
- An adult age 18 and up.
- Any adult still passionate about his/her faith.
- A man or a woman.
- A person willing to follow a catechist guide with easy lesson plans.

Can you see yourself in this description. So many times we think we have to rely on the parents of the children in the program. Did you know that a vast amount of our catechists are not parents from our RE families? Many are parents, but not all.

Consider how you can participate. It’s all about sharing what you have been given by someone else. Training is available and encouraged. We’re praying for you to consider this opportunity. Please contact the RE office at 630-960-3566 for more information.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 7/21/19  $26,347.93
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 19/20) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date  $88,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collection to Date  $85,830.58

Total (Short of) Goals to Date  $(2,669.42)

Thank you for your support and generosity, especially during the summer months.

CMAA Report By Parish

2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 7/14/2019
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish - Downers Grove

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Activity Center Progress Report

New hallway between the kitchen on the left and what will ultimately be a large storage room and the new dedicated entrance to the Activity Center on the right from this view. A new double door entry is at the far point of this perspective, looking into the new eating area space. Flooring in this hallway will be partially the existing red ceramic tile and partially indoor outdoor carpeting.

Old kitchen wall opening. The new opening (not pictured here, but roughed out at this point) will face the eating space for ease of hot lunch distribution and concession stand sales. The kitchen will be re-painted as part of the project.

The beginning stage of removing the old roof from new gym space. The roof will be cut back and then the outside east wall can come down. The new roof on the gym will ultimately be two feet higher than the existing one. This perspective also gives a good view of the doors and windows looking into the new gym.

New security door roughed in outside of the faculty lunch room. This doorway will allow the school to be locked down when class is not in session. The Activity Center entry/vestibule will be open to allow egress on weekends, evenings and during school breaks.
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2018
6:15 AM - Ramazzotto Family req. Pam & Tony Ramazzotto

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019
6:15 AM - JoAnn Graff
8:00 AM - Donald Stange req. Family
   Jim & Margaret Shannon req. Mike & Mary Signer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019
6:15 AM - Mary Ponstein
8:00 AM - June Ola req. Graczyk Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019
8:00 AM - Peter J. Caracello req. Denise Walsh

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019
6:15 AM - David Black req. Bostwick Family
8:00 AM - Brown Families req. Harrington Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019
8:00 AM - Peter J. Caracello req. Denise Walsh
4:30 PM - Michael Kummerer req. Kay & Lynn Kummerer
   Robert Oliver req. Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019
8:00 AM - Arlene Vincente req. Mary & Ron Buchler
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Betty Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa
   Mary Barclay req. Moira & Bruce Barker
6:00 PM - Gerard Volk req. Rev. Norman Volk

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).
Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).
Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).
Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
   Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
   Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
   Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
   Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
   Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
   Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
   Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
Need to Fulfill Service Hours?

Come Help in the SMG Children's Garden!

The rain has been heavy and the sun has been hot, so the weeds are flourishing in the SMG Children's Garden. Join us for weed pulling and general clean up on two consecutive Sundays - July 28 and August 4, from 9-11 am. Please use the link below to sign up for a date and time. Water and snacks provided. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult. If you have gardening gloves, please bring them.

Thank you and see you in the Garden!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844ADA82EA02-smgchildrens

The Knight's Corner

Announcements

Knights Offering:
One of the Knight's initiatives is to help out with the parish in any way we can. This year we donated $2500 to help with the funding of the school's activity center. Pictured below is Deacon Al, who is also a KOC member, Fr. Jim and Dennis Burke (our Grand Knight) who presented the check to Fr. Jim.

SMG's Parish Picnic will be on August 25th. We are looking for volunteers and desserts to help out with this event. Please go to the following link for more information: https://tinyurl.com/smgpicnicvolunteers2019

Key Dates

The Knight's next meeting will be on August 1st.

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. Please consider joining our council. For more information contact us at knights@stmarygostyn.org, or speak with one of our Knights.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly       Pat Metzger Noonan       George Metzger       Richard Bade       Dan Jirus  
Jeanmarie Starshak Krissy Dulek       Frank Davis       Buddy Davis       Linda Randazzo  
Julie Worsch       Missy Tepe           Lorie Travis       Anna Bandur       Spencer Mehr  
Mark Gowgiel       Tom Mendoza

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Pete Benson Sr.
Edward O’Donnell
Martha L. Tatara
Charlotte Zimmerman

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  
Maggie Benhart       Kevin Hanlon

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
Matthew 5:4

The Funeral Liturgy Planning group is in need of volunteers.
This is a group of volunteers from the parish who help families plan the funeral liturgy of their loved one. They help choose readings and music for the liturgy. A planning book is provided for this purpose. Volunteers are called as needs arise.
There are no monthly meetings to attend. Training will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Deacon Al Agurkis at 969-1063 ext 221 or email Deaconal@stmarygostyn.org

Nursing Home/Hospital Visitation

If you or a family member would like to have a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility, please contact the Parish Office at 630-969-1063 to arrange. Without such notification, there is no method of knowing who wishes a visitation. Due to privacy laws, hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities are unable to contact St. Mary’s directly.
Adult Faith & Youth Ministry

explore life faith meaning

Everyone should have a chance to explore the faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Alpha starts with a meal - a free dinner - then a presentation, followed by great discussion.

**Alpha is for anyone who’s curious.** Over the course of the ten-weeks, the talks encourage conversation and explore the basic questions of life and faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds: discuss as much or as little as you wish.

Help is needed to bring Alpha to St. Mary’s this fall. Come be a part of this opportunity to share the faith.

**Alpha at St. Mary of Gostyn**

**Beginning this Fall**

**HELP NEEDED** — Be a part of the Planning Team contact Claire or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

**Be a part of it.**

[www.stmarygostyn.org/alpha/](http://www.stmarygostyn.org/alpha/)

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**Summer Highlights:**

**FUN | FAITH | SERVICE**

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**JOIN US TONIGHT (SUNDAY) IN THE PARK**

**MUSICAL PAPER PLATES**

AND MORE GAMES! 7-8:30PM

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**St. Mary of Gostyn Youth Ministry**

**“TO THE HEIGHTS!”’**

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**July 29, 2019**
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**This Week**

**Monday / 29**  
6:30 PM Rosary  
Church  

**Tuesday / 30**  
6:00 PM Prayer Group  
Chapel  
6:45 PM Legion of Mary  
Small Conf. Rm  

**Wednesday / 31**  
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal  
Church  

**Thursday / 1**  
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities  
Living Room  
6:30 PM RCIA Team Meeting  
Chapel  
7:00 PM Baptism Prep. Class  
Large Conf. Rm.  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus  
Gathering Place  

**Friday / 2**

**Saturday / 3**  
1:00 PM Boy Scts. Eagle Court of Honor GP/Church  

**Sunday / 4**  
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal  
Church  
7:00 PM Youth Ministry  
Hummer Park

**Community News**

**COME AND SEE - VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT**  
**AUGUST 9-11, 2019**  

Catholic men between the ages of 18 to 45 are invited to a vocation discernment retreat at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL from Friday, August 9 (4:00 PM) through Sunday, August 11 (1:00 PM). The retreat is an excellent opportunity to discern God’s calling while participating in the monastic life at St. Procopius Abbey. Learn more about seeking God in community life according to the Rule of St. Benedict. Attendance is free, but space is limited. Contact Fr. James Flint at vocations@procopius.org for more information or to reserve a spot.

**41st Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
The 41st Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 18 at 2 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of **25 years and more**, are welcome to attend. Bishop Conlon will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. Those who bring a camera can also have a special picture taken with the bishop on the occasion of their anniversary. Please register as soon as possible by calling the Office of Family Ministry at **815-838-5334** or register online at [https://conta.cc/2Jed044](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry/).
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Parish Office, 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.