18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” - Lk 12:15
Cooperating with Grace
PRAYER * LOVE * HOPE
Saint Catherine of Siena

In a world that offers fleeting pleasures and false promises, Jesus calls us to better plan. In this brief study with Bishop Robert Barron, we’ll look at the life of Saint Catherine of Siena as a model for prayer, healing and learning to lean on the Lord.

All Women are welcome!
Thursday Mornings - 9:00am - Beginning 9/5

Questions or to pre-register: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygotyn.org or www.stmarygotyn.org
Faith Formation - Adult - AM CAFÉ tab.

Aug 14th 7:00 pm
Parish Center

Topic:
Staying Organized and Preparing for What's Next

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.stmarygotyn.org Faith Formation-Nourish tab

Explore
life
faith
meaning

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

HELP NEEDED: To bring Alpha here. Core team forming now.
Contact Claire or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygotyn.org to be a part of this faith-filled outreach of missionary disciples.

Alpha at St. Mary’s
Beginning This Fall
Be a part of it.
www.stmarygotyn.org/alpha/

United in Prayer.
As our students head to college, or back to school, join other parents at Saint Mary of Gostyn in prayer for their safety, health, well-being and success.

AUGUST 12TH 7:30PM IN CHUCH
Leave Some for Others

Jesus’ Jewish listeners would have been immediately suspicious about the immense wealth of the rich farmer in the parable today. Any good Jew of the time would have known the common teaching in many Old Testament readings of the responsibility for land owners to share their excess produce with the poor, the widow, the orphans or the strangers. For example, Deuteronomy says “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow ... When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt: therefore I am commanding you to do this” (Deut. 24: 19-22). Likewise, Leviticus teaches, “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien” (Lev 19:9-10). On top of these teachings were continual reminders that the first tenth of all produce should be tithed, or given back to God.

So Jewish listeners probably understood Jesus’ parable as a warning against the greed of a farmer who may not have shared his excess with the poor as his religion required of him. The ending of the parable also reminds us that no matter how wealthy or comfortable we are in this life, we cannot take anything with us when we die. We’ll never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul!

Questions of the Week
1. What is your first reaction to this parable? How or what do you think about the rich man?
2. What are you attached to in an unhealthy way which you would like to find freedom from before you die?
In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers a warning to those who pursue leisure and pleasure as their goal in life without concern for the poor and less fortunate. He tells the parable of the wealthy landowner who, upon yielding an exceptionally profitable harvest one year, determines that he will live the rest of his days in relaxation; to eat, drink and be merry. God calls the miser a “fool” and lets him know that his greed and self-indulgence will not bring him the security he seeks.

Good stewards acknowledge that the money and possessions entrusted to them are to be used to further the mission of Jesus Christ. This week let us reflect on our own daily consumption habits. Do we spend money on articles that make us better ambassadors of Christ? Does our personal lifestyle bring “good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18)?

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 7/28/19 $25,979.79
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 19/20) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $118,000.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collection to Date $111,810.37

Total (Short of) Goals to Date $(6,189.63)

Thank you for your support and generosity, especially during the summer months.
And THE WALLS CAME CRUMBLING DOWN...

If you were in the area on Wednesday, July 24, you saw a historical sight as the east wall of our School was taken down. The two top photos were taken from the outside and the inside of the building, respectively. The lower left picture shows the old steel beams that spanned the entire gym portion of the building. The west portion is secured to the new eating space east wall and the portions of the beams in this picture have now been removed. New beams will be built in the new gym space.

The lower right picture is from inside of the building looking out of a new interior door (leading from the eating room into the new gym). Demo materials are now gone and foundation work began this week, working from the north side of the building towards Prairie Avenue.

Missed some of these updates over the summer? Check out our website for all of the updates with many more photos by clicking on the Activity Center option on the Home page and select the Construction tab to see what you may have missed.
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019
6:15 AM - John Creighton req. Esther Byrne

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
6:15 AM - Charles & Helen Was req. Lois Bach & Family
8:00 AM - Gladys Cook req. Janet Wilmoth
Jim Matuszewski req. Roger & Vivian Pscherer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019
6:15 AM - Michael Toth req. Family
8:00 AM - Peter J. Caracello req. Denise Walsh

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019
8:00 AM - Rosemary BERMINGHAM req. Burke Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019
6:15 AM - Barbara Vinsik req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Neal Lukowski req. Mike & Mary Signer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019
8:00 AM - Lawrence Huene req. Michael Keable
John Hillebrand req. Family
Wedding:
2:00 PM - Theresa Ruopp & Mark Tatara
4:30 PM - Carlo & Maria Miriani req. Jan Miriani
Linda & Jerry Kozlowski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019
8:00 AM - Kelly Walters req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller
10:00 AM - Virginia Mates req. Bruce & Moira Barker
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - Elizabeth Schubkegel req. Samantha Parenti

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).
Second Reading — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).
Gospel — For though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48
Around the Parish

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangement this weekend is in memory of BETTY KOLPA

Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

JULY 2019 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 250 Individuals within 105 Families. So far, this year we have fed 1,681 Individuals within 759 Families. We continue our outreach ministry serving five homeless shelters in Chicago four days a week.

Pantry item most in need is paper towels.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Fresh Thyme or Aldi. Thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Thank you Jim/Lois Murawski for your large food donation.
3. Thank you Ron/Linda Cuchna for your large food donation.

Don’t forget Amazon Shoppers! You can donate to St. Mary’s SVDP Conference at no cost to you by going to smile.amazon.com and selecting St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary of Gostyn. A percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to SVDP with every Amazon order you place. Thank you for your support!

July Adage: A Christian’s purpose is to win souls not arguments.

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul, we could not accomplish all we do without your support, and God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardship are most welcome at our Food Pantry. The pantry is open every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00am.

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/

Virtus® Protecting God’s Children Workshop

Out of concern for the safety and well-being of children, every diocesan parish, school or religious education employee or volunteer 18 years and older who is involved with minors on a regular, recurring basis and those who may have an opportunity to be alone with children during parish, school or religious education sponsored events (essentially all volunteers), are required to attend a VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children Workshop. Of all the safe environment programs available, Protecting God’s Children was selected for the Joliet Diocese. It was determined to be the best possible program primarily because it is comprehensive, professional and appealing. SMG will host a PGC Workshop on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place (lower level of church). Registration is done online by going to www.Virtus.org. The viewing of other PGC Workshops in the immediate area is also accessible online. If you have previously taken a PGC Workshop, you do not need to take it again. Please refer any questions to Deacon Bob at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org.

Check us out on the web!

www.stmarygostyn.org
Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly
Jeanmarie Starshak
Julie Worsch
Mark Gowgiel
Eric Agnew
Pat Metzger Noonan
Krissy Duek
Missy Tepe
Tom Mendoza
Richard Golly
George Metzger
Frank Davis
Lorie Travis
Pat Burton
Richard Bade
Buddy Davis
Anna Bandur
Hugh Toner
John Navin
Dan Jirus
Linda Randazzo
Spencer Mehr
Fran Boland
Edith Donati

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Sandra Pascente, mother of Debbie Litka
George Schumacher
Matt Sniffen, son of Kathy Mitten

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
Christopher Fountain
Timothy Randazzo
Maggie Benhart
Michael Martel
Nathan Kijowski
Kyle Ng
Kevin Hanlon
Natalya Brechlin
Bob Lang
Christopher Randazzo
John Svooboda
Zachary Frana
Joe McSweeney

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

The Funeral Liturgy Planning group is in need of volunteers. They are 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

Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th

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

Need more information, email todekirk@stmarygostyn.org

Youth Ministry

FAITH - FUN - SERVICE
We want to invite you to be a part of St. Mary of Gostyn High School Youth Ministry! These events are opportunities for high school teens to have fun, serve others, build relationships, be a part of a community, and most importantly, encounter Christ and dive more deeply into their Catholic Faith!

ALL CURRENT & INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL TEENS ARE WELCOME!

Follow us!
@stmarygostynym @youthministrysmg @stmarygostynym

Upcoming weekly Sunday Youth Group Nights:
7-8:30 PM in Hummer Park

COLOR POWDER WAR 8.4.19
WATER BALOON FUN 8.18.19
COOKOUT IN THE PARK 8.25.19

Tonight (Sunday) from 7-8:30 PM in Hummer Park
WEAR A WHITE T-SHIRT AND BRING SOME SUNGLASSES!
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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This Week

Monday / 5
  6:30 PM Rosary
  7:00 PM Athletics: Fall Parent Mtg.
    Church Gathering Place

Tuesday / 6
  9:00 AM HSA Uniform Exchange
    School
  6:00 PM Prayer Group
    Chapel
  6:45 PM Legion of Mary
    Small Conf. Rm

Wednesday / 7
  9:00 AM HSA Uniform Exchange
    School
  6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal
    Church

Thursday / 8
  9:00 AM HSA Uniform Exchange
    School
  1:15 PM Small Christian Communities
    Living Room

Friday / 9
  9:00 AM HSA Uniform Exchange
    School

Saturday / 10
  8:30 PM CRHP #17 - Women
    Chapel
  9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society
    Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 11
  1:30 PM Communal Baptism
    Church
  4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal
    Church
  7:00 PM Youth Ministry
    Hummer Park
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.