19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.” - Lk 12:37
Save the Dates!

5 K Race 8/24/19

Parish Picnic 8/25/19

Golf Outing 9/13/19 - new location

Oak Brook Hills Golf Course

Blue and Gold Gala 2/8/20
Bad or Good News

Luke’s Gospel, more than any others, has an emphasis on money, possessions, and wealth. Luke includes parables about riches (such as last week’s parable about the rich man who built bigger barns) that are not found in Matthew, Mark, or John. The Gospel also states several times that Jesus directed his disciples to go out and continue his ministry without taking any personal belongings along with them.

It’s a challenge that is hard for most of us to hear, and we can quickly go to rationalizations about why we may not be called to do the same thing. Of course it would have been just as hard for Jesus’ disciples to hear too. But instead of reacting to what sounds like bad news to us (“sell your belongings and give alms”) can we instead listen for the good news in the directive? After all, Jesus didn’t come to make our lives more difficult, or impoverished. He said that he came so that we may have life, and have life in its fullness. So if he is asking us to sell our possessions, he must have good reason.

The good news is that in letting go of physical possessions, we get an “inexhaustible treasure” in return that no thief can reach, nor corruption can touch. “Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” When we come to our last moments on this earth, where do we want our treasure to be? In our material belongings? Or in the store of love we have given and received amidst our relationships?

Questions of the Week

◊ What might you be invited to let go of (“sell”) so that you can have more freedom in following Jesus?

◊ What does it mean to you that “where your treasure is, there also will your heart be”? Where is your treasure at this time in your life?

◊ Word of the Week • Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com.

Low Gluten Host Available at Mass

Celiac disease affects as many as one out of every 133 people. Those suffering from this condition cannot ingest any gluten, a protein found in wheat. Eating gluten causes intestinal damage and can lead to many secondary illnesses. Celiacs have to maintain strict gluten free diets to protect their health. A low gluten host is made with wheat starch and water. The gluten content is 0.01%. It is made, stored, and shipped in a dedicated gluten-free environment. These special hosts are indeed made according to the requirements of the Church’s Code of Canon Law (c.924). We need to remember that bread without any gluten makes the Eucharistic presence of Jesus invalid. The suppliers who produce low gluten hosts use the 0.01% gluten content to make it valid.

Low Gluten Hosts are available at all Masses. Before Mass, see the priest, deacon, or minister in the sacristy of church (the room behind the altar, to request a host to be consecrated for you at that Mass. At communion time, you are asked to receive Holy Communion where the priest is distributing and he will have a low gluten host for you.

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The Narrow Door

Jesus answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.” (Luke 13:24)

◊ Isaiah 66:18-21 - Gathering of the nations
◊ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 - The discipline of God
◊ Luke 13:22-30 - The narrow door

◊ Adults: What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?
◊ Kids: What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?
Stewardship

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching about those who are “faithful and prudent stewards” with that classic stewardship teaching: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Christian stewards recognize that God is the ultimate source of their gifts, talents, resources and aptitudes, and that God wants them to use these varied gifts in his service. This week might be a good time to reflect on our God-given gifts. Are we using those gifts to serve the Lord? If Christ came back to us unexpectedly tomorrow would we be able to give a full accounting of how we have exercised stewardship over these gifts?

Religious Education Dates

- Aug. 19  8th Gr. 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

Volunteer Catechists Still Needed

We are still in need of Catechists for our RE program. Please consider sharing your faith, talent and time with the children of our Parish. Here is where we still need volunteers:

**Wednesday’s 4:30 - 5:35pm**  
Grades 2, 3, 6 and Kindergarten

**Wednesday’s 6:30 - 7:35pm**  
Grades 4 and 7

**Thursday’s 4:30 - 5:35pm**  
Grades 2 and 4

Please contact the Religious Education office with any questions at 630-960-3566.

RE Registration open for 2019/20.  
Please contact the RE Office or go to the SMG website for more information.

Stewardship

A Call to Stewardship

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Thank you for your support and generosity, especially during the summer months.
**Activity Center Progress Report**

*Things are moving along quickly now!*

**Inside**—The concrete floor in the eating area is now completed, joined to the weight bearing wall on the east side (first photo). Interior walls are going up to house the two storage areas north of the eating area, one for the Athletic Department equipment storage and the other for mechanicals, Phys Ed equipment and our Phys Ed teacher’s new office. The bottom photo is the wall in the new entry area facing the south side of the building, taken from the hallway outside of the kitchen.

**Outside**—Foundation work started this past week with the footings in place outlining the new gym space. Seen here is concrete is being poured from trucks on Prairie, all the way across the lot into the north most footings in these photos. This work will continue into this coming week, completing the work on the footings and making way for the laying of the concrete foundation.

**Other items not pictured**—Electrical piping and work is being laid into the walls and the ceiling for the future needs of the eating area. Sprinkler work was done to make way for the new alarm system. The frame and shutter for the new window into the eating area from the kitchen is now in place.

August 11, 2019
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018
6:15 AM - Jacqueline Godon req. Matthew Larsen

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019
6:15 AM - Felicula Danganan req. Vanessa Gutierrez
8:00 AM - Chuck Blaney req. Rita Blaney

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019
6:15 AM - Anne Willow
8:00 AM - Joseph Kowalkowski req. Family
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019 - ASSUMPTION OF MARY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
6:15 AM - Living Intention for Frank Davis & Buddy Davis
      req. Frances & James Mehaffey
8:00 AM - Greg Sokol req. Kathy Ranft
7:00 PM - Joe Bilotta req. Jim & Barb Holmes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019
6:15 AM - Sandra Johnson req. Fran Belcastro
8:00 AM - Beth Dunlap req. Bostwick Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019
8:00 AM - Jacinta Fernandez req. Family
      Robert Troost req. Troost Family
4:30 PM - Deceased Members of the Adams & Ugarte Families req. Gene & Blanca Adams & Family
      Beatrice Langan req. Bava Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019
8:00 AM - Judith McCarthy req. Shirley Twardzik
10:00 AM - Living Intention for Ethel Zindrick req. Mary Lou Zindrick
      Barbara & Ray Vinski req. Lucado Family
12:00 PM - Hugh & Maureen Toner - In celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).
Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19).
Gospel — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
      Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
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 lever 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.

Children’s Sunday Envelopes

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of July, we received 12 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $24.50. This money along with the money raised in previous months will go towards the purchase of an art piece “Jesus and the Children of the World”, which will hang in our new Activity Center when we complete the renovation in the school.

As part of the campaign, we also asked the children to commit to sharing their time and talents in their unique ways. Some of what they told us they did is as follows….

- Was good in swim class
- Cleaned up my toys
- Helped to clean the house
- Made my bed
- Helped make dinner
- Brought in the groceries
- Washed my Mom’s car
- Set the dinner table

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:

Ronaldo De Los Reyes & Leslie Basit
Joseph & Monica Cullen
Rudy & Nora Gianetti
Matthew & Jennie Grigas
Vincent & Alexandra Pasquinelli
Harvey (Chip) & Cathy Paulsen
Dennis & Christine Whiting

who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Three evenings of music, inspiration and prayer with Guest Speaker John Donahue-Grossman - a spiritual awakening to become light to the world as disciples of Jesus. We are invited, and called, to bring hope, love and compassion into our homes, workplaces and community. Experience what it means to live your faith, to live in the light!

SEPT 16, 17 & 18
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly       Pat Metzger Noonan         George Metzger       Jeanmarie Starshak       Krissy Dulek
Frank Davis        Buddy Davis                  Linda Randazzo       Julie Worsch              Missy Tepe
Lorie Travis       Anna Bandur                  Spencer Mehr         Mark Gowgiel             Tom Mendoza
Pat Burton          Hugh Toner                   Fran Boland          Eric Agnew               Richard Golly
John Navin          Edith Donati                  Chris Foster         Mike Burke               Doreen Lehner
George Drobney      Steven Sicher                

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Louise A. Callaghan, mother of Matt Callaghan
John Catalano, father of Joe Catalano
Mary Sharko, mother of Barbara Morrow

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

Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th

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

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.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation-Nourish tab

Nourish: For Caregivers


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

St. Mary of Gostyn High School Youth Ministry invites you to

Save the Date: September 8th

For our Fall Youth Group Kickoff
7-8PM in the Underground

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Youth Group Tonight:
7-8:30 PM in Hummer Park

Join us:
Sunday for Crab Soccer & World Cup!

ALPHA YOUTH SERIES

Save-the-Date!

TUESDAY NIGHTS
6:30-8PM STARTING
SEPTEMBER 10TH
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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This Week

Monday / 12
9:00 AM  HSA Uniform Exchange  School
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:30 PM  Parents in Prayer  Church

Tuesday / 13
9:00 AM  HSA Uniform Exchange  School
6:00 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
6:30 PM  School Advisory Body  L.R.C.
6:45 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm

Wednesday / 14
6:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers  Living Room

Thursday / 15
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room

Friday / 16

Saturday / 17

Sunday / 18
1:30 PM  Communal Baptism  Church
4:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry  Hummer Park

St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen
Bowl Free
Donate One Canned Food Item or
Donate $1.00 and
Bowl One Game for Free

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Suburbanite Bowl
Make It Your Game
630.968.2200
201 W. Ogden Ave., Westmont, IL
suburbanitebowl.com
Limit One Free Game Per Person Per Day
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.