21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” - Lk 13:24
SAINT MARY OF GOSTYN

17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

NEW THIS YEAR

Willowcrest Golf Course
OakBrook

12:00pm Registration
1:00pm Shot Gun Start
6:00pm Dinner and Drinks
8:00pm Post Party

Dinner Only option for Non-Golfers

AMAZING Raffle Prizes including Golf Getaways, Sports Tickets, Dining Packages, and more!

GET YOUR FOURSOME READY!!

- This fundraiser benefits our Parish and School.
- Great opportunities to help with sponsorship, donations and volunteering.
- Register Early—this EVENT WILL SELL OUT

Registration is open NOW—
visit www.stmarygostyn.org
The Gospel reading reaffirms the theme of the first reading, promising that people throughout the world, not just Jews, will be welcomed into God’s Kingdom. This proclamation would have been shocking to some Jews at the time of Isaiah’s prophecy, as well as in Jesus’ time.

For all of Jewish history up until Jesus (and well beyond), Jews were proud to think of themselves as “the chosen people.” Many of the Old Testament laws aimed at establishing and ensuring a separation between their holiness and the “impurities” of the rest of the world. Isaiah and Jesus turn this understanding upside-down, declaring that God’s invitation is to all people, not only a select few.

Throughout all of history, in many world religions, there have been people who have been obsessed with the question of who will be saved and/or how many people will be saved. The anonymous person who asked Jesus “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” seems to be in this category. The question may come from a place of genuine concern, as in “I want to be with my loved ones for all eternity.” Or it may come from a place of self-concern, much like a child who wants assurance that he will be rewarded from his parents for his good behavior while his brother is punished for his bad behavior.

Jesus refuses to make any promises to those who are trying to earn a place in heaven. His response, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate...” points the questioner back to himself, as if to say “The others are none of your business; worry about yourself.” He goes on to warn that being close to him physically, being related to him as a Jew, or being in a highly regarded social position aren’t a guarantee for entry into the Kingdom of God.

Like many of his parables, Jesus turns the conventional thinking of the day upside-down, suggesting that there are many whom society considers as unworthy or outcasts who are welcomed and cherished by God. “Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Herod Antipas was a weak and immoral king who had married Herodias, the wife of his own brother. John the Baptist was a prophet and a person of integrity, so he spoke out against this wrong. Herod was awed and puzzled by John, but Herodias was furious. John was a threat to her power. She had Herod throw him in prison.

At Herod’s birthday celebration Herodias saw her chance to get John out of the way for good. Her young daughter Salome danced at the party, and Herod was so delighted that he foolishly promised her anything she wished as a reward, even half his kingdom. The daughter consulted her mother—and then she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a platter!

Herod had been outsmarted. He was afraid to kill John but saw no way out. So, for the sake of a dance at a birthday party, the great prophet John was murdered. (This story is told in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Mark and the eleventh chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.) Some of John’s disciples buried his body at Sebaste, a town some miles from Jerusalem.

Unlike the luxury-loving king who had him killed, John owned nothing. He ate only the simplest food and wore the skins of wild animals he caught in the desert. His one concern was to do the will of God. He devoted his time to prayer and the service of others. When people thought that he might be the Messiah, he quickly explained to them that one greater than he was coming. And when Jesus began his public ministry, John quietly stepped aside. “He must increase,” John said of Jesus, “but I must decrease.”

John’s mission from the time he was born had been to prepare the way for the Lord. He had done so all his life, calling people to repent of their sins and to await the good news. Now he led the way in death as well - his martyrdom showed what lay ahead for Jesus. No wonder Jesus praised John as “a burning and shining lamp.” We celebrate St. John the Baptist on June 24, the solemnity of his birth. August 29 we mourn for him. In the Eastern Church, today is a strict fast day, like Good Friday.
Are you interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who may be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith - a relative, a neighbor, a friend? If so, please call Fr. Keith. We will be forming inquiry classes to answer questions about the Catholic faith. There is no obligation, we are just learning about what the Catholic church teaches, her history, and her traditions. This is a time to discern through inquiry and prayer as to whether or not you are being called to join the Catholic faith. The classes are open for three categories:

1. Those who have never been baptized.
2. Those who have been baptized but never completed their sacraments of initiation, namely Confirmation & Holy Communion.
3. Those who have been baptized in another religious tradition who now feel they are being called to the Catholic faith.

This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a journey that leads to the Easter sacraments of Initiation. There is no obligation. It is a time of learning and discernment. Our first inquiry session begins Sunday, September 10th at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Keith (630) 969-1063, ext. #212

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.

**Stewardship**

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Weekly Collection 8/18/19</td>
<td>$26,631.85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 19/20)</td>
<td>$29,500.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Goals to Date</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday Goal to Date</td>
<td>$206,500.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Collections to Date</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday Collection to Date</td>
<td>$201,027.66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total (Short of) Goals to Date</strong></td>
<td>$5,472.34</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thank you for your support and generosity!

---

**2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 8/18/2019**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Goal</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2018 (Final)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Goal</td>
<td>$133,400</td>
<td>$131,400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amount Pledged</td>
<td>$184,697</td>
<td>$194,928</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amount Paid</td>
<td>$164,866</td>
<td>$191,031</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance Due</td>
<td>$19,832</td>
<td>$3,698</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donor Count</td>
<td>477</td>
<td>532</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2019 Rebate</td>
<td>$22,026</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thank you for your support and generosity!
It is now easy to envision the completed space for our new building. The eating area has all of its walls in place with most of the door and window frames in and the masonry finished around them. The top right picture shows the ductwork that was placed for the HVAC system. Cranes dropped the RTUs on the roof (the HVAC system) of the Activity Center. Roof drains for the storm water run off are also going onto the Activity Center.

The outside of the gym footprint is now ready for the outside walls to go up and the underground plumbing and electrical piping to go in to the ground before the concrete slab will be laid.

The photos here show the grade for the new gym space which is almost six feet higher than the current lot. Several large truckloads of different sized gravel was delivered, loaded into the new footings, and then leveled off to make what will be the base for the future gym floor. The photo just below shows how deep the footings go to hold the new gym (in the background behind the masons who are waiting for yet another load of gravel).
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
6:15 AM - Martin T. Farmer req. Augie & Noreen Sisco
Living Intention for Fr. Tom Paul req. The Breakfast Club

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019
6:15 AM - Marilyn Signore req. George Mattson
8:00 AM - John Creighton req. Craig & Staphanie Lear

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019
6:15 AM - Matt Sniffen
8:00 AM - Mary Kowalkowski req. Family
Florence McClellan req. Aument Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019
8:00 AM - Diane Main req. Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019
6:15 AM - Deacon Rich Rosko req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
8:00 AM - Ed & Mae Klinger req. Rita Blaney

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019
8:00 AM - Peter Bensen Sr.
Leonila Labarda & Dantea Labarda req. Family
Wedding
2:00 PM - Jaclyn Paruszkiewicz & Kyle Catalano
4:30 PM - Ted & Eleanor Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa
Larry Huene req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Edna O’Connel req. Elinor Kannon
Joseph Balice req. Joann Hillebrand
12:00 PM - Kyle Mullins req. Jim & Barb Holmes
6:00 PM - Gilda Pancotto req. LaMantia Family

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).
Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).
Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
**Golden Agers - Important Announcement**

As you know, our construction project is underway!! This has left us with greater than anticipated use of the parking lot and at times it can become hazardous. For safety reasons, we are suspending the Golden Agers luncheons for September and October. Please watch the bulletin for further updates regarding a November gathering.

---

**Baptism**

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

- **Lucy Marie Bruns**  
  Daughter of Daniel & Mallory Bruns
- **Liam Thomas Stegich**  
  Son of Thomas & Stephanie Stegich

---

**St. Mary of Gostyn PADS**

**Beginning our 34th year of service on September 6, 2019**

As we plan for the start of the PADS season, we would like to encourage any St. Mary of Gostyn parishioners who are not yet participating to prayerfully consider this important ministry which serves the homeless in our community. There are six teams of St. Mary’s PADS volunteers with each team volunteering once every 7 weeks – for a total of 5 times during the season which runs from September through May.

This year we need help with the following tasks/shifts:

1. **Linen Pick-up**: Thursday afternoon. Pick up the linens at Good Samaritan Hospital and deliver them to the PADS storage closet in the Gathering Place.
2. **Night monitors**: Two shifts (11 p.m. – 3 a.m. and 3 – 7 a.m.) Supervise the Gathering Place and ensure that our guests have a safe and quiet place to sleep.
3. **Clean-up**: Saturday (6:30 – 7:30 a.m.) Wash and store the pillows and pads, clean the Gathering Place and the restrooms.

Help is always welcome for set-up on Friday afternoons from 5 – 6:30 p.m. No need to call ahead, just come and help out. This shift is “family-friendly” and a wonderful way to volunteer as a family. Now is a good time for 7th and 8th grade students who are in Confirmation preparation to join a team for their Parish Christian Service Requirements.

Chances are that you know a parishioner who is involved in PADS as there are over 300 St. Mary’s volunteers. For more information, call one of the team captains listed below or email stmaryspads@gmail.com.

| Team 1 – Mary Stapleton (630/220-1001) | Team 4 – Rob Sloyan (630/430-1218) |
| Team 2 – Molly Walsh (630/280-9722) | Team 5 – Becky Connery (630/696-1513) |
| Team 3 – Jan Miriani (630/212-4649) | Team 8 – Ted Kummerer (630/986-7626) |

Note: Team 7 is staffed by a support group from Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove.

---

**Presider Schedule for Saturday, August 31st and Sunday, September 1st**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mass Times</th>
<th>Presider</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Saturday, 4:30 PM</td>
<td>Fr. Jim</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 8:00 AM</td>
<td>Fr. Jim</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 10:00 AM</td>
<td>Fr. Bill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 12:00 PM</td>
<td>Fr. Bill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, 6:00 PM</td>
<td>Fr. Jim</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Thank you to our Chairperson: Patty Sashin

Also thanks to our Co-chairs: Megan Daniels, Kristen Jeschke & Kim Enriquez

And those who helped the day of (sorry if we missed any names):

Monica Banaszak
Lisa Giangrande
Marla Ginex
Sarah Glitto
Paul Heintzelman
Holly Pappas
Mike Russo
David Sobkowiak
Chris Walsh
Kelly Warner
Julie Skeen

Jen Scully
Kimberly Gubbins
Katie Girsch
Kim Ruskusky
Rick Jeschke
Danielle Heyer
Laurie McAleenan
Lynn Rogers
Ryan Sullivan
Camille Palasz
Audrey Ruddy
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly      Pat Metzger Noonan      George Metzger      Hugh Toner      Fran Boland
Eric Agnew        Richard Golly         John Navin         Edith Donati     Chris Foster
Mike Burke        Doreen Lehner         George Drobney     Steven Sicher    Linda Randazzo
Spencer Mehr      Barbara Suski         Anna Bandur       Donna Wiencek  Mark Gowgiel
John Rossi        Wanda Slupik          Bob Perkins        Jeanmarie Starshak
Theresa Crowe

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Edward Jakimowich

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

Baptism Host Ministry

Are you looking for a way to be of service to the St. Mary Parish Community? St. Mary’s Baptism Host Ministry is looking for some new members. Members are asked to assist the celebrant at the group Baptisms that are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month and to lead the Baptism Preparation class on the first Thursday evening of the month for parents. The class requires ministry hosts to lead a discussion about Baptism and present a video that explains the meaning and the ceremonial parts of Baptism. Your commitment would only be 5–6 hours a year split between either group Baptisms or the class; each would take about an hour of your time. Currently Baptism host ministers assist at approximately 4 Baptisms a year and lead the class twice. Training and mentoring would be provided. It is a great way to serve your parish community. Please contact Rosie Wolf at 630-852-9087 or Deacon Steve DeSitter at 630-327-7221 if you would like more information.

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, September 11  Parish Center  9:30 AM  News of the World by Paulette Jiles

A retired Captain is asked to return a 10 year old girl held captive by Indians to her family.
Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

SMG Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, September 19  Parish Center  7:00 PM  The Desert and the Sea by Michael Scott Moore

A journalist memoir of his captivity by Somali pirates.
Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
Religious Education Dates

- 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
- Sept 16-18  Parish Mission
- Sept. 16/17  RE Class

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 3, 6 and 7

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

**Thursday's 4:30 - 5:35pm**
Grades 2, 4, 5 and 6

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

New RE Program for Parents this Year!!

U2! Parent Formation

Once a month we are going to offer Parent formation at all of our RE sessions. Drop the kids off for class and join us in the teacher’s lounge for an opportunity to grow in your own faith. We will provide babysitting for younger children. Please contact the RE office with any questions 630-960-3566.
Youth Ministry

Do you love teens & your Catholic Faith? Are you interested in helping out with Youth Ministry?

St. Mary’s Youth Group is looking for adult volunteers: Contact Claire for more information! csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

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

Save the Date: September 8th

For our Fall Youth Group Kickoff 7-9PM in the Underground

Why Should I come to St. Mary’s Youth Group Events?

1. You’ll have a lot of fun!
2. Because our faith gives us the answers for why we exist and what our purpose is... youth group will help you discover this more fully :)
3. You’ll learn about the most important relationship you’ll ever have—(one with Jesus!!)
4. You’ll meet some great people and make or deepen friendships
5. You are free to be yourself!
6. You’ll meet other young people who want to live out their faith
7. We always have FREE food :)

Join other teens at Alpha Youth on Tuesday Nights at St. Mary of Gostyn (445 Prairie, Downers Grove)
In the Underground 6:30PM - 8PM Starting September 10th

Join Us for our Last Sunday in the Park!

Water Fight, S’mores, Food & More!

7-8:30PM Hummer Park

Explore Faith, and the Meaning & Purpose of Life

We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to explore the big questions of life, and the Catholic faith in a friendly and relaxed environment where no question is out of bounds! All high schoolers are welcome - join us and bring a friend! Come try it for at least one night!!

www.stmarygostyn.org/blog/ddl-ministries/alpha-youth/

Please RSVP online so we can prepare enough food!

For more Info. email Claire at csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

Youth Group Tonight:
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 Christ. Experience what it means to live your faith and to live in the light!

It’s been two years since our last parish mission, and we’re anticipating an equally packed Church this year. Guest speaker John Donahue-Grossman is a gifted storyteller who inspires others with his passionate faith. Among other accomplishments, John was honored with the Joliet Diocesan Bishop Sartain Award and Apostolic Blessing from Saint John Paul II. John is dynamic, humorous, and inspirational, and he also has something to say!

“John has an engaging style for both youth and adults, and most importantly a love for our Lord and our Church.
I promise he will inspire, surprise, and delight.”
-Maria Perez-Eras; Archdiocese of Chicago

www.stmarygostyn.org

Mother Teresa
An Indomitable Force of Love
One woman founded a religious order, won the Nobel Peace Prize, and became one of the most popular figures of the 20th century. Follow the selfless missionary of Calcutta who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor.

Watch on formed.org

In a world that offers fleeting pleasures and false promises, Jesus calls us to better plan. This brief study with Bishop Robert Barron will look at the life of Saint Catherine of Siena as a model for hope, healing and joy.

All Women are welcome!
Thursday Mornings - 9:00am - 9/5 & 9/12

Questions or to pre-register: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation - Adult - AM CAFÉ tab.
St. Mary of Gostyn 2019-2020
PARISH CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Once a month, the Children’s Choir leads the music at a parish liturgy. This year, we will be following our previous schedule of singing at 8:00 AM Masses (with the exception being for Christmas Eve and First Communion). The Parish Children’s Choir is open to all parish children in grades 3-8. Through the gift of music, our parish children learn about Mass, about the special seasons of the church and about the lives of Jesus and the saints.

We blend our voices and offer our talents to the Lord and serve our parish community. We also learn about the art of singing and how to use our voices to praise the Lord.

Rehearsals will be Thursdays at 5:45-6:45 PM, in the church. We rehearse 3 weeks prior to singing on a Sunday. Opportunities for the children to serve as cantors for the Masses will be offered. Rehearsal will begin on Thursday, Sept. 12. The first Mass will be Sunday September 29, at 8:00 AM. We will gather in Church at 7:45 for a brief warm-up.

Children’s Choir QUICK FACTS:
♦ All parish children grades 3-8 from both St. Mary’s School and the Religious Education program are welcome!
♦ We will sing at the Sunday 8:00 AM Masses Sept-April (including Sunday, April 12, 2020)
   Easter Sunday with these exceptions:
   Christmas Eve on Tuesday, Dec 24, 2019
   First Communion on Saturday May 2, 2020
♦ Calendars with Rehearsal Schedules will be sent to those who sign up for St. Mary’s Children’s Choir and will also be available on the Parish Website.
♦ Rehearsals on Thurs, 5:45-6:45 PM in Church

2019-2020 Children’s Choir Registration
Please print or type information legibly, especially e-mail address

1st Child’s Name (print) _______________________________________________________
School ____________________________________________ grade ______

2nd Child’s Name (print) _____________________________________________________
School ____________________________________________ grade ______

Parent’s Name: (print) ____________________________ Mother ____________________________
Father ____________________________

Parent Signature ___________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________ Cell Phone: ____________________________

E-mail PRINT: ____________________________

Home Address ____________________________________________ city ____________ zip ____________

Information we need to know ____________________________

For more details,

call Mr. Bisaillon, Parish Music Director, at 969-1063, ext. 236
sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org
Or
Email Heather Reusz Durham
hreusz@gmail.com

Please complete and return this entire registration form in any of these ways:

* St. Mary’s School Office
* Mr. Bisaillon, Music Director sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org
or to the:
* Religious Education Office or teacher
* Parish Office

August 25, 2019      Page 13
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

PARISH STAFF: 630-969-1063
FR. JAMES SCHWAB, Pastor, ext. 213
jschwab@stmarygostyn.org
FR. KEITH WOLFE, Parochial Vicar, ext. 212
kwolfe@stmarygostyn.org
DEACON AL AGURKIS, Permanent Deacon, 630-737-9637
deaconal@stmarygostyn.org
DEACON BOB MICIUNAS, 630-737-9637
Protecting God’s Children Administrator, deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org
DEACON STEVE DE SITTER, Permanent Deacon 630-737-9637
deaconsteve@stmarygostyn.org
STEVEN BISAILLON, Music Director, ext. 236
sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org
PAT VENA, pvena@stmarygostyn.org
VALERIE BAVA, Business Manager, ext. 201
vbava@stmarygostyn.org
JUNE BURKE, Administrative Assistant, ext. 260
jburke@stmarygostyn.org

PARISH CENTER: 445 Prairie Avenue 630-969-1063
LEANNE BROWN, Administrative Assistant, ext. 200
lbrown@stmarygostyn.org
MOIRA BARKER, Administrative Assistant and Bulletin Editor, ext. 245, mbarker@stmarygostyn.org
TERRI O’DEKIRK, Development Director and Parish Manager ext. 261, todekirk@stmarygostyn.org
KELLY JOHNSON, Adult Faith Formation, ext. 259
kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org
FRANK GLOWATY, Office of Advancement, ext. 262
fglowaty@stmarygostyn.org
CLAIRE SIMEO, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY, ext. 256, csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF: 445 Prairie Avenue
Direct Line 630–960-3566
JENNIFER LISZKA, Director of Religious Education

SCHOOL: 440 Prairie Avenue 630-968-6155
SCHOOL STAFF:
CHRISTOPHER TIRITILLI, Principal
CHRISTINE KALAL, Assistant Principal
LAVONNE CZECH, Director of Marketing and Enrollment, ext. 211, lczech@stmarygostyn.org
MARY TOTH, Administrative Assistant, ext. 215

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: 630-969-1068

This Week

Monday / 26
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Chapel
6:30 PM School Parent Orientation Church

Tuesday / 27
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM School Parent Orientation Church
6:45 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm

Wednesday / 28
6:30 PM 6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM Confirmation Parent Meeting Gathering Place
7:00 PM Finance & Administration Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 29
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room

Friday / 30

Saturday / 31

Sunday / 1
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:
630-969-1068

BOWLING BOWL FREE
DONATE ONE CANNED FOOD ITEM OR
DONATE $1.00 AND
BOWL ONE GAME FOR FREE
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.