23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27
Monday Topic: You Are the Light of the World
God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called. It is through our brokenness that God’s grace comes through, and in which we let our light shine.

Tuesday Topic: Shine in the Light
Jesus shows us a way of service; as master teacher He is the ultimate model directing us to the last, the lost and the least.

Wednesday Topic: "Go", Be Light
God calls us to more than showing up to Mass on Sunday. We are called to action, and Jesus provides real-life examples in ways to live our faith, find happiness and share joy.

Three evenings of music, inspiration and prayer with guest speaker John Donahue-Grossman. Three evenings of 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!

Sept 16, 17 & 18 7:00 PM In Church
Jesus tells the crowds following him that being his disciple can be costly. They have to be ready to accept the crosses of their lives, and perhaps even the scorn of their closest friends and relatives. They have to be ready to give up everything, if necessary, to follow him and his teachings. "...[N] one of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions" (v. 33).

Jesus is not suggesting that having possessions is wrong or that we should give up everything we own. He is saying that nothing of this world should be valued more highly than our relationship with him and with those we love. I learned what this meant when my daughter was fourteen. One of my most precious possessions at that time was a beautiful porcelain statue from Spain that my husband had given me on a special anniversary.

One day, while dusting the living room, my daughter dropped the statue and it broke. The scene that followed is indelibly recorded in my head. I went into a rage and my wonderful only daughter ended up literally backed into a corner. In a graced moment, the fear in her eyes got through to me, and I stopped yelling. I realized that nothing was worth hurting this precious child the way I was hurting her.

My initial reaction to the broken Lladro startled me. It was as though I valued that piece of porcelain more than my own child. I knew that wasn’t true, but my response to its loss frightened me. From that day on, I decided I would never own anything that I wasn’t ready to let go of in the blink of an eye. My life has been a lot happier since then.

I know I’m entitled to own nice things (and I have some beautiful keepsakes in my home), but my things are not entitled to own me. How sad it is when our happiness depends on what we have or don’t have. I think that is what Jesus meant when he said, "Happy are those who are poor in Spirit."

**Family Response**

- Have everyone in the household name two things in the house that are most important to them (no more than two things, and people or pets don’t count). You may be surprised at what they choose.

- Are you attached to some things? What possession is most precious to you? Are brand names important when you shop? Why?

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Bringing Home the Word...
Published by the Pastoral Center
At the conclusion of today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus tell a “great crowd” that “… anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” A few of Jesus’ immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus’ call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one’s possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?
Outside work on the new gym space is proceeding rapidly even with a few rain days in the past week. This view is from the north side of the building, showing the additional length of the new gym. Interior cinder block is going up on all three sides first and later the outside brick will be added. Scaffolding is up to allow for the 18’ walls. The lower outdoor picture shows the difference in grade this new building is from the old.

Regardless of the weather outside, interior work for the eating area of the Activity Center continues. The top two photos show the electrical conduit lines that are being run outside of the north most storage area. Ultimately, these lines will run into a storage area that will be the hub for all the power and IT systems in the new areas. Piping and sprinkler heads are also in place for the fire protection system. We have already installed new fire alarm panels into the main school that will service both the new and the existing structures and alarms. Our plan is to open this space once it is ready for use prior to the gym completion.

The bottom photo is the inside of the north most storage area. On the left wall is the pre-existing wall that many of our current as well as alum families put their signatures on back in March prior to closing down the gym. This area is being earmarked as the storage space for the tables, chairs and other large items that will be used in the eating area as well as some of the items currently stored out in the sheds behind the school.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
6:15 AM - Living Intention for Donna Wiencek req. Charlotte Sholeen

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
6:15 AM - Wolfe Family req. Mary Kalins
   Living Intention for Fr. Tom Paul req. The Breakfast Club
8:00 AM - Tim Landry req. Mike & Mary Signer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
6:15 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Loretta Sepulveda
8:00 AM - Gwendolyn Davis req. Sanderson Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
8:00 AM - Elizabeth Hacker req. Ray Hacker
   Don Papineau req. Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
6:15 AM - Living Intention for Donna Wiencek req. Charlotte Sholeen
8:00 AM - Deceased Friends & Relatives req. Jim & Rita Regis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
8:00 AM - Sandra Pascente req. John & Carol Sommer

Wedding:
2:00 PM - Jessica Rizzi & Matthew Stopka
4:30 PM - Darlene Hammer req. CRHP #5 Sisters
   Sandra Johnson req. Rudy & Grace Alfano

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
8:00 AM - Matthias Eichhorn req. Family
10:00 AM - Betty Batten req. Corbett Family
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - Mary E. Barclay req. Bill & LeAnne Brown

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight
   (Wisdom 9:13-18b).
Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).
Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).
Gospel — Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32
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 Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 PM.

Yours in Christ,

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

### Presider Schedule for Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th

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

### 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.
What a fun weekend here at SMG, accompanied by the amazing weather! We had so much fun at our annual 5K Run!

Thank you to all that attended, all our sponsors, and everyone that volunteered to make this event so successful!
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.

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly     Pat Metzger Noonan     George Metzger     Fran Boland     Eric Agnew
Richard Golly    Spencer Mehr        Barbara Suski      Anna Bandur     Donna Wiencek
Mark Gowgiel     John Rossi          Wanda Slupik       Bob Perkins      Jeanmarie Starshak
Krissy Dulek     Pat Burton          Donna Miciunas     Sharon Cichon    Jay Topper
Charles Mrazek   Karli Brown         Hugh Toner         John Navin       Kim Novak
Christine Rutherford

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Anna Giannini
Romi Naniga
Janie Thompson

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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

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE
Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS
An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is in the Ushers Closet located next to the Narthex entrance, along with a First Aid kit. AED’s are also located in the Gathering Place (North wall) and in the School kitchen.
Religious Education Dates

- Sept 9  First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- Sept 11/12 First day of RE classes
- Sept 16-18 Parish Mission
- Sept 18/19 RE class
- Sept 25/26 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**
  Grade 7

- **Wednesday’s 6:30 - 7:35pm**
  Grade 4 and Crossing Guard

- **Thursday’s 4:30 - 5:35pm**
  Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7

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.
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

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 :)

Thanks for joining us for our last Youth Group in the Park! Come to our Fall kickoff TONIGHT (Sunday), and Alpha Youth on Tuesday!
The ONE topic ONE night Speaker Series aims to provide our parish community a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

One topic. One night. One faith.
Date: Oct 2nd at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Keith
Topic: Prayer—You cannot love who you do not know

Paul’s letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Romans: The Gospel of Salvation is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering to give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this exciting epistle.

We begin Romans on Sept 26th at 9AM in the Gathering Place. All women of the parish are welcome. We’ll meet every week to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation Adult Women’s CAFE.

Please register for babysitting online We hope you can join us!
REGISTER NOW FOR CLASSES:
THE BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET!

In September 2019, the diocesan Biblical Institute is registering new students for:

- Year 1 classes being held at The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet) Wednesday evenings 7-9 p.m. and
- Year 2 classes at St. Margaret Mary Parish (Naperville) Monday evenings 7-9 p.m.

This is a comprehensive program and covers every book of the Bible with an emphasis on both scriptural scholarship and the faith development of the program’s participants. The focus in Year One will be *Old Testament Foundations* and Year 2 will be *New Testament Foundations*. Classes begin mid-September. **Register before the September 30 deadline!** For more information, including a brochure and registration forms, go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj.

“JOYFUL AGAIN” RETREAT/WORKSHOP FOR WIDOWS AND WIDowers

Things do get better. Others who understand can lead you through steps to recovering from grief and moving on to new life.

**Fall 2019 Schedule**

- **October 12 & 13**: (No overnight)
  St. Hubert’s, Hoffman Estates
- **Nov 2 & 3**: (Overnight only)
  Nazareth Retreat Hse, Batavia
- **Nov 16 & 17**: (Overnight only)
  Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

To register call: Joyful Again! 708-354-7211 or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com or see our website: www.joyfulagain.org.

NEW BEGINNINGS SELF-HELP GROUP

New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. We also have speakers to inspire us. Come hear Jim Proebstle, September 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville. **This is a venue change for this talk.**

Nobody will remember a backup college quarterback, but Dick’s (Jim’s brother) story bridges the glamour of NFL football—its high-profile athletes and the preliminary $765 million settlement for CTE dementia—with the harsh reality that millions of former amateur players may be suffering anonymously with the same concussion-induced devastation of CTE dementia. Jim is the author of the non-fiction book, *Unintended Impact*, chronicling this tragedy of head concussions in sports.

Join us any time every Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m. (arrive 7:15 p.m.) at St. Raphael’s Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville. Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions. See more details and any schedule changes, especially any last minute speaker changes, at http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com and view videos for divorced or widowed experiences. Come see if we can be part of your future.

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH MISSION

701 Plainfield Rd, Darien
Monday, Sept. 9 - Thurs., Sept. 12

Divine Mercy: A Source of Hope in a Broken World
Featured Speaker: Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC
Talks begins each night at 7:00 PM

GET YOUR TICKETS TO SEE FR. RONALD ROLHEISER!

Registration is now open!
Fr. Ronald Rolheiser is returning to Mayslake Ministries
Saturday, November 2, 2019
Marriott Naperville Hotel

Early bird registration: $55/person through May 31st!
Regular Registration: $65/person
This event will sell out, so please register soon!

Register online or by phone 630-852-9000
www.mayslakeministries.org
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This Week

** SAVE THE DATE **
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
FALL CLOTHING DRIVE
OCTOBER 13TH

Monday / 9
7:00 AM  Band Fitting Underground
2:30 PM  Brownie Troop #55326  Gath. Place A
6:30 PM  1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg. Church
6:30 PM  Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Rosary Chapel

Tuesday / 10
6:00 PM  RCA Large Conf. Rm.
6:00 PM  Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM  School Advisory Body L.R.C.
6:30 PM  Youth Ministry ALPHA Underground
6:45 PM  Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 11
9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion Living Room
1:00 PM  H.S.A. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
4:30 PM  R.E. Classes School/Chapel
4:30 PM  R.E. U2 Fac. Lunch Rm.
6:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM  R.E. Classes School/Chapel
6:30 PM  R.E. U2 Fac. Lunch Rm.
7:00 PM  Parent Band Meeting L.R.C.
7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers Living Room

Thursday / 12
9:00 AM  CAFÉ Women’s Bible Study Narthex/P.C.
10:30 AM  Catholic High School Day Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities Living Room
4:30 PM  R.E. Classes School/Chapel
4:30 PM  R.E. U2 Fac. Lunch Rm.
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM  CRHP Continuation Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Daisy Troop #55988 Parent Mtg Underground

Friday / 13
5:00 PM  PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 14
12:00 AM  PADS Gathering Place
8:30 AM  CRHP #17 - Women Chapel

Sunday / 15
9:00 AM  Fellowship Gathering Place
10:00 AM  RCIC Underground
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry Kick-Off Underground
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.