St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church  
September 15, 2019

PARISH MISSION BEGINS THIS WEEK

Live in the Light

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
Many thanks to all who helped make our Golf Outing a huge success!

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John Rohrich  
Mike Schimmel  
Bill Tierney

**Volunteers**
Val Bava  
June Burke  
Maureen Flavin  
Jasmine Glover  
Liz Helander  
Jill Henthorn  
Annie Mendez  
Annemarie Reiser  
Lynn Rogers  
Erika Rohrich  
Chris Walsh  
Michelle Sparke
On the Dangerous Road

The first two readings today are a precursor of the Gospel reading. The Exodus reading shows a courageous Moses challenging God to show mercy to the “stiffnecked” Israelites, which God chooses to do. In the letter to Timothy, Paul calls himself the foremost of sinners and relates how Christ dealt patiently and mercifully with him. Jesus then tells three stories of someone seeking someone or something that is lost and celebrating when they are found. These stories are so familiar to us we may not realize how ridiculous and shocking they would have been to Jesus’ original listeners. Put together, all of these stories point to God’s almost unbelievable love and mercy.

As the Gospel story opens, some good and righteous people are grumbling because of Jesus’ choice of company. Once again, Jesus is found hanging around with some shady characters and ne’er-do-wells of whom the religious folks don’t approve. To call them on their judgments and teach them about God’s ways, Jesus tells three parables that would have left them incredulous: the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (often called “the Prodigal Son”). In each parable, the “seeker”: the shepherd, the woman, and the father, suggest something about God’s shocking mercy and joy in welcoming back sinners which go far beyond what humans typically offer to each other.

♦ When have you shown someone mercy when others might not have approved of it?
♦ When have you been on the receiving end of forgiveness and mercy even though you didn’t deserve it?

Word of the Week.

Published by the Pastoral Center

From the Pastor

This weekend we welcome to our parish John Donahue-Grossman to our parish as he gives our Parish Mission Live in the Light.

I encourage you to join us on Monday, Sept. 16, Tuesday, Sept. 17, and Wed. September 18, at 7:00 PM in church to hear his inspirational words that will bring hope, love and compassion into our homes, workplaces and community.

Experience what it means to live in your faith, to live in the light!

Come for one night or all three! I’ve had the privilege of attending missions given by John in the past and have always found them personally and spiritually enriching.

I hope you will be able to join us to begin this new academic year with some inspiration, guidance and reflection.

Fr. Jim
Among the primary themes in today’s Gospel when we hear Jesus’ well-known parable of the Prodigal Son is forgiveness and the need to repent. But from a stewardship point of view what is also interesting is one of the secondary themes: the failure to use responsibly the gifts that have been so generously bestowed. The youngest son who demanded his inheritance and left home broke no laws or religious commandments. His wrongdoing was that he wasted his inherited wealth, the abundant gifts given to him. His sin was in his extravagant living; squandering his gifts in pursuit of selfish pleasures. Good stewards acknowledge that everything they have comes from God, and they are required to cultivate these gifts responsibly. What are our God-given gifts? Do we use them responsibly? Do we exercise good stewardship over them?

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 09/08/19 $26,166.25
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 19/20) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $295,000.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collection to Date $278,143.45

Total (Short of) Goals to Date $(16,856.55)

Thank you for your support and generosity!
Huge Week of Progress!

The gym walls are going up with great speed now. The top photo shows the north most wall of our new gym. The window openings will be mirrored on the south walls to allow for muted light into the gym space. On this wall is also an emergency exit with stairs into the back alley behind the school.

In all three of these photos, there is a ditch with piping that is connected to the new roof top storm water drains. As you can see, the pipe will run underground the length of the new gym, north to south, connecting to the drains on the roof, carrying the water off to the southern drainage system, as well as the back of the building, into the current northern drainage system. As per the Village requirements, we will have a much larger storm water retention and drainage system than before.

Finishing touches on the sprinkler system, electrical work and HVAC ductwork have been made in the eating area. Plans for this week include the start of the ceiling grid system, first paint coating and connection and filling of the sprinkler system. Our AV provider is also in the building wiring for the extension of our camera system, our PA system and the initial wiring for the audio/video capability in the eating area.

The bottom photo shows the PE teacher’s office with egress from the west side of the gym. There is a large storage area adjacent to the north side of the eating area, again with egress from the west wall of the new gym. This will house all the PE equipment, the Athletic Department equipment and uniforms, as well as the “mechanicals” for the two rooms. The new sound system, the electronic scoreboard, and the controls to operate the bleachers are part of the mechanicals in this space.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
6:15 AM - Charlyn Crisp req. Chris Chambers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
6:15 AM - Matt Sniffen req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Rosemary Hanson req. Family
     Anna & Louis DalPonte req. JoAnn Rodi & Family
10:30 AM - Joyce Walser req. Billie DeBruin - Oak Trace

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
6:15 AM - John Catalano
8:00 AM - Kay Selfridge req. Selfridge Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
8:00 AM - Kay Selfridge req. Selfridge Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019
6:15 AM - Patricia Grant req. Sanderson Family
8:00 AM - Michael & Rose Beales req. Jim & Rita Regis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
8:00 AM - Rosemary Hanson req. Family
          Barbara Vinsik req. Lucado Family
4:30 PM - Mary Ann Holzhall req. Family
          Kelly Walters req. Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019
8:00 AM - Glady Cook req. Janet Wilmoth
10:00 AM - Nick Bagley req. Bagley Family
12:00 PM - Edward & Helen Chodorowski req. Jerry Kolpa
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — “Why should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of Egypt?” (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).
Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — The grace of our Lord has been abundant (1 Timothy 1:12-17).
Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven and among the angels when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8,Lk 16:1-13

Social Sunday
this weekend!
Please join us in the Gathering Place for Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses this weekend.
Around the Parish

It's Not Too Late to Join Us!

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. Please join us for an Introductory session on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 PM.

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

Presider Schedule for Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd

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

Baptism

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

Madison Marie Hoge,
Daughter of Thomas & Jill Hoge

A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Richard & Sandra Mielcarek
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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.
Our 5th grade class recently paired up with our Kindergarten class for their first all school Mass together. This special tradition embarks our young SMG students on a journey of faith together, as our older students teach our younger children about Mass etiquette and, will prepare them for the sacraments they’ll receive in the future.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Jaclyn Golly   Pat Metzger Noonan   George Metzger   Fran Boland   Eric Agnew
Richard Golly   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   Spencer Mehr
Barbara Suski

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Ruth Palczynski, mother of Phillip Palczynski
Beverly Wolford

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

MAKE ST. MARY OF GOSTYN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip__________________________________________________
Email address___________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ (circle one: cell     Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 445 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: https://stmarygostyn.org/new-parishioner-registration/
Religious Education Dates

- Sept 15  Children’s Liturgy of the Word begins
- Sept 16-18  Parish Mission
- Sept 18/19  RE class
- Sept 25/26  RE class
- Oct 2/3  Living Rosary during RE class
- Oct 9/10  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

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

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

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

St Mary’s CLOW is back in session!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered during the school year to the children of the parish who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. Lessons are targeted to 4-8 year olds.

During the 8am and 10am Masses, children are called to the altar during Mass and process down to the Gathering Place to hear the Gospel at an age appropriate level.

There is an adult leader at each session with children in 6th grade and older as circle helpers. We pray, sing songs and do crafts, too. It is an opportunity for our youngest parishioners to feel like the church is a welcome community for them.

**Fall Dates:**
11/17  11/24  12/8  12/15

For information: religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org
Youth Ministry

Come be a part of our Youth Group Family!! You won’t regret it!


SAVE the DATE
PADS Service Opportunity
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Middle School Event!
ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS INVITED TO
SATURDAY, OCT. 19TH
9AM-3PM
HOLY FIRE CHICAGO

Join us for the annual Holy Fire Event, a day long youth conference that brought over 9,000 students from 154 schools and parishes together in 2018. Contact Claire if you are interested! csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

Thanks for making our Fall Youth Group Kickoff a success! See you this weekend for a bonfire.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR A BONFIRE
S'MORES. GAMES. PRAYER.

Bring a blanket or chair and your friends!!
*7-9PM Behind the Rectory Garage*

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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

Experience the Good News of Salvation
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@stmarygostn.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.

BISHOP R. DANIEL CONLON TO PRESIDE AT 32ND ANNUAL BISHOP’S MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
SEPTEMBER 22ND
AT ST. MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, PLAINFIELD

The 32nd annual bishop’s Mass for persons with disabilities, the deaf community, family, friends, and caregivers will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22 at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield. Bishop R. Daniel Conlon is scheduled to preside.

A luncheon prepared by the Knights of Columbus will follow for persons with disabilities; their families, friends, and caregivers are invited to attend. Contact Mary Dragovan at 815-221-6251 or prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org to RSVP. For full details and to register online, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/

MONASTERY OF THE HOLY CROSS
SILENCE IN THE CITY
OCTOBER 11-13, 2019

For men between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in learning more about the contemplative monastic life, join the monks of the Monastery of the Holy Cross for a weekend of prayer, reading and reflection. This weekend will include conferences by monks on discernment, prayer, the role of monks in the Catholic Church, and traditional Benedictine spirituality, as well as opportunities for discussions with the brothers. Discover the riches of the Benedictine way of life! For more information please contact: Father Timothy Ferrell, OSB 773-927-7424 x 202 • chicagomonk@gmail.com Monastery of the Holy Cross 3111 S Aberdeen St • Chicago, IL 60608-6503

STEPPING UP

Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for a class that promotes empowerment, prosperity and personal change!

Stepping Up helps participants understand themselves and move toward achieving important personal goals.

Poverty is not just a lack of money and material things. **Stepping Up** participants learn to set goals; manage time and money; and take charge of the future.

Topics include:

- Living beyond your past
- Personal responsibility
- Understanding your strengths and weaknesses
- Changing unproductive patterns
- Personal integrity
- Credit and money management
- Goal Setting
- Employment Skills

Classes are held each Wednesday from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM on October 9 - November 20, at 3130 Finley Road, Suite 520 in Downers Grove. To register, call Joy Newburn at (630) 519-6547 or jnewburn@cc-doj.org Childcare available. Class and childcare are free!
**This Week**

**Monday / 16**
7:00 PM Parish Mission: Live in the Light Church

**Tuesday / 17**
8:00 AM School 8th Gr. Unity Day Gath. Place
2:30 PM Junior Troop #55103 Gath. Place C
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
7:00 PM Parish Mission: Live in the Light Church

**Wednesday / 18**
4:30 PM R.E. Classes School
6:30 PM R.E. Classes School/Chapel
7:00 PM Parish Mission: Live in the Light Church

**Thursday / 19**
9:00 AM CAFÉ Women’s Bible Study Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
4:30 PM R.E. Classes School
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Athletics Board Meeting L.R.C.
7:00 PM Evening Book Discussion Living Room
7:00 PM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.

**Friday / 20**
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

**Saturday / 21**
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
9:00 AM ST. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.

**Sunday / 22**
8:00 AM Children’s LOW Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM Children’s LOW Gath. Pl. B & C
1:30 PM Communal Baptism Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Youth Ministry Underground

**SAVE THE DATE**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
FALL CLOTHING DRIVE
OCTOBER 13TH
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.