25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:11
Altar Service Ministry at St. Mary of Gostyn is open to all young people in Grades 5 or above.

New Altar Servers may register online at [https://stmarygostyn.org](https://stmarygostyn.org), scroll to Ministries and click on New Liturgical Ministers Sign-Up. The next page will be the New Liturgical Ministers Sign-Up page.

Click on “Click here to register”.
You will then fill out the form that appears.

Please go to Ministry Schedule Pro to sign up for training. Training is scheduled as follows;
Select one session only.
October 21 – 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.
October 22 – 4:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.

Questions email [deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org) or sign-up questions: [schedule@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:schedule@stmarygostyn.org)
Jesus Talks About Problem Solving

Jesus tells his disciples a parable about being wise and trustworthy, telling them that if they cannot be trusted in small matters they cannot be trusted in larger matters. Jesus concludes by telling them they cannot serve two masters. “You cannot serve God and wealth” (v. 13).

It is such a simple statement of truth, “We cannot serve both God and money.” No Christian of faith could possibly disagree. But if we rephrase the question and ask, “How important is money to you?” the issue gets a little cloudier.

Money is an important part of our lives. There is no question that we need money to put food on the family table, clothes on our bodies and a roof over our heads. Earning money to provide these things is definitely in the service of God. Even providing luxuries for ourselves and our families is okay, as long as we are also providing for people in need. But when money becomes an end in itself, buying becomes a way of life or having this year’s model becomes a necessity, we are in trouble.

It is so easy to get caught up in the false notion that things can make us happy, even though we know that the pleasure they offer is temporary. Forever happiness — day-into-the-dark-of-night happiness — is found in God’s love and in our relationships with family and friends.

Every once in a while it’s important to check out our priorities, and reevaluate our life style. There are at least two ways of doing this: taking a good look around our homes and paying attention to what we find ourselves talking about. Both can tell us a great deal about what is important to us and who we are really serving.

Family Response

Talk about people you most admire. Why did you choose them? Is their worth dependent on the amount of money or the number of things they have?

Personal Response

What do you and your friends talk most about? What does this tell you about yourself?

Word of the Week
Published by the Pastoral Center

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for September

Lord Jesus Christ,

As we begin to shift from summer schedules to autumn demands, teach us to recognize you, and help us follow you amidst our busy life.

Open the Scriptures to us that we may know you, see you, hear you — in the voices of friends and family, in the ministries of our parish, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the Breaking of the Bread.

Teach us to be good stewards, that we may use your gifts wisely and care for all those you place in our path.

Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed. Strengthen us, when we are frightened. Challenge our complacency.

Help us make this new season a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action to proclaim the Gospel in our words and in our deeds.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.
Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

AUGUST 2019 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 238 Individuals within 104 Families. So far, this year we have fed 1,984 Individuals within 893 Families. We continue our outreach ministry serving five homeless shelters in Chicago four days a week.

Pantry item most in need is paper towels.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS

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

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

August Adage: Help me overlook others faults in the hope that they will overlook mine.

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

** SAVE THE DATE **

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

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 09/15/19 $29,575.11
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 19/20) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $324,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collection to Date $307,718.56
Total (Short of) Goals to Date $(16,781.44)

Thank you for your support and generosity!

In Jesus’ parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master’s wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out.

Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God’s favor.
Our east wall of the gym is pictured. If you look closely, you can see the slivers of windows that will run the length of the wall at the top. Unfortunately, we lost a couple of days of outside work on the gym due to the rain last weekend. We are looking at options to prevent that from happening in the upcoming weeks to minimize any other delays.

Inside the Activity Center, the top photo shows the doorway opening into the new space that will be a vestibule area. This floor will have an all weather carpet to keep the elements off the new flooring in the Activity Center and the Gym. The entry will serve as the primary means into this space during the times that school is not in session but the east wing of the building is in use.

The second photo shows the south side of the Activity Center with it’s brand new windows. This will allow lots of natural light into the building. The bottom photo shows the grid work for the dropped ceiling with some on the new light fixtures in place.
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).
Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).
Second Reading — God our savior wills everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).
Gospel — The one who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Page 6 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
## Grief Support Team

"And Jesus wept" John 11:35

Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.

If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.

Grief Support Group starts meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Tuesday starting October 1st for six weeks.

Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 969–1063 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.

## Presider Schedule for Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th

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

## Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Bring Her into your home for one week.
- Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
- Invite family, neighbors, or friends.
- Receive Her into your home and witness the many blessings and graces that She brings.

We will bring Our Lady to your home from Saturday to Saturday and provide the Rosary materials. Please call Diana @ (630) 971-1026 and reserve your week with Our Lady.
The St. Mary’s tradition carries on with our 6th grade class, as they all received their own Bible in Mass last week. They will use these Bibles throughout the duration of their school years with us. More importantly, each Bible was blessed and individually given to each student personally by Father Keith after this special Mass.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Pat Metzger Noonan  George Metzger  Fran Boland  Eric Agnew  Richard Golly
Pat Burton  Donna Miciunas  Sharon Cichon  Jay Topper  Charles Mrazek
Karli Brown  Hugh Toner  John Navin  Kim Novak  Spencer Mehr
Christine Rutherford  Barbara Suski  Jeanmarie Starshak  Krissy Dulek  Louis Montana Sr.
Nicholas Affatato  Jay Jerousek

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Mary Komar
Mary Ann Ostrowski

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

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

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound
Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings?
If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/969-1063, ext 244.
A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.
First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home/Hospital Visitation
Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.
(Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
Religious Education Dates

- Sept 25/26  RE class
- Sept 29  TRACK classes begin at 10am Mass
- Oct 2/3  Living Rosary during RE class
- Oct 9/10  RE class
- Oct 16/17  RE class - 8th grd Sponsor forms are due
- Oct 20  Sponsor/Candidate Meeting 1pm in Church

St Mary’s Religious Education is offering a new program this year for Parents:

**U2!**

**U2** takes place during RE sessions!

After you drop your child off at class come spend the hour growing in your own faith, discovering family faith resources and meeting other RE Parents in the Faculty lounge.

Join us October 23rd & 24th

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 alter 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:

- 9/15
- 9/22
- 9/29
- 10/6
- 10/10
- 10/27
- 11/3
- 11/10
- 11/17
- 11/24
- 12/8
- 12/15

For information: religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org
Youth Ministry

Are you interested in baking goodies for the teens in youth group? Or donating snacks? Email Claire if you’d like to help: csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

Also, stay tuned for an announcement about our upcoming trips: March for Life to Washington, D.C. (January) and our Steubenville Youth conference & Mission Trips!!! :)

Save-the-Dates!

Friday, October 18th: SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: PADS - Open to all teens of the parish!! 6:30-8:30PM

Sunday, October 20th: Konow's Farm Corn Maze Trip - Open to all high schoolers!! 4:30-8:30PM

Middle School Event!

ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS INVITED TO

HOLY FIRE CHICAGO

SATURDAY, OCT. 19TH
9AM-3PM

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

Service Project

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR A

HELP US COOK A MEAL FOR OUR PRIESTS, AND FOR HOPE HOUSE!

7-9PM in the Underground!

Thanks for joining us for our bonfire. See you this Sunday for our service project!


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

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@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation Adult Women’s CAFE.

Please register for babysitting online

We hope you can join us!
“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.

INVITATION TO CEF SOUNDS OF SACRED MUSIC ON OCTOBER 1ST
You are cordially invited to the SOUNDS OF SACRED MUSIC on Tuesday, October 1 at the St. Xavier Chapel at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill. The FREE concert will begin at 7:15 pm and last one hour featuring the talent of our school children. Call the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) office today at 815-221-6127 to reserve your seats. Since 1996, the CEF has awarded nearly $24 million in scholarships and $530,000 in education ministry grants to schools and parishes in our diocese. Contact JGeorgis@dioceseofjoliet.org at the CEF to learn more about planning your estate while supporting the ministry of Catholic education.

TUESDAYS WITH THE SISTERS 2019 - THE RICHNESS OF OUR BENEDICTINE HERITAGE
We invite you to Tuesday Night with the Sisters. Programs take place in the Monastery Chapter Room on the 2nd floor from 7:00-8:30 pm.

October 8 - From Benedict and Scholastica to Mother Nepomucene Jaeger
We will review our history from Norcia, Italy to Lisle, Illinois with specific stories of Mother Benedicta Riepp, the first Benedictine woman to come to America, and Mother Mary Nepomucene Jaeger, the first Prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery.
Presenter: Sister Mary Bratrosvsky

SACRED HEART MONASTERY, 1910 Maple Ave, Lisle, IL 60532 tel: 630-725-6000 (The statue of the Sacred Heart is located in front of the monastery entrance.
A free will donation is appreciated to support our programs.

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
- Understanding your strengths and weaknesses
- Changing unproductive patterns
- Credit and money management
- Employment Skills
- Personal responsibility
- Personal integrity
- 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!

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA
Rosary Rally
Pray for God’s Mercy
Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 12 Noon
St. Joseph Parish Parking Lot
4801 Main Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Bring your folding or lawn chair

2019 JOLIET DIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS
Presider: Father Steve Borello
St. Margaret Mary Church
1450 Green Trails Drive
Naperville, IL 60540

Friday, September 27, 2019
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM, Mass:30 PM
For more information, please call Joey Rose at: (630) 926-6576.
For directions go to www.smmp.com/info/directions.html
This Week

Monday / 23
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55604 Gath. Place A
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Baptism Prep. Team Mtg. Large Conf. Rm.

Tuesday / 24
6:00 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Youth Ministry ALPHA Underground
6:45 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Large Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 25
4:30 PM R.E. Classes School
6:30 PM R.E. Classes School
6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Band Sign Up Night L.R.C.

Thursday / 26
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

Friday / 27
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 28
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place

Sunday / 29
8:00 AM Children’s Choir Church
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 Underground
10:00 AM RCIC Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Youth Ministry 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.