The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” - Lk 17:5-6
ATTENTION: ALL CRHP ALUMNI

COME REKINDLE YOUR FLAME AT OUR

Morning of Renewal

Saturday, October 19th
From 9am to Noon
Gathering Place

R.S.V.P: YES  to Tom Strolia:
tom12336@comcast.net
630.253.0663 by 10/13

Reconnect, Reflect, Recommit
We cannot argue our children into faith. We cannot make them believe. We know they were gifted with faith at their baptism, and we can only trust that if they keep honestly searching for the truth, they will find it. In the end they will see God, because God is truth.

**FAMILY RESPONSE**

Talk about the good deeds family members did last week. Ask each family member to think about the following question: “If you could ask God one question, what would it be?” Share your questions.

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

Is faith important to you? Why or why not? If it is important, in what ways do you model your faith at home?

**Word of the Week**

Published by the Pastoral Center

Jesus tells his apostles that if they have faith the size of a mustard seed, they will be able to uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. “The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’” (v.5).

Some of the greatest theologians and saints once questioned the existence of God. It’s not a sin to doubt our faith. Sometimes it’s a healthy sign of growth. But it can be pretty scary when our youngsters begin questioning the truths we hold most sacred.

My youngest son was fourteen when he put the question to me: “Mom, what if there isn’t a God?” After some discussion about what he was thinking and feeling, I realized he was just as concerned about the fact that he was questioning as the question itself. I offered some advice that I’ve tried to follow myself: “As long as you keep honestly searching for the truth, you’ll be fine.”

This search for truth can be a lifelong adventure; questioning and even doubting are often a part of the process. Our job as parents is to lay a solid faith foundation so our children feel free to ask their questions, but also know where to look for answers.

We do this from their earliest years by sharing Scripture and praying with them, by talking about what we believe and by taking them to church to worship, learn and serve with their peers and the larger parish.

We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self, and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. On this Respect Life Sunday, please pray that “life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, no. 51)—a teaching that has been a constant part of the Christian message since the apostolic age.

As Pope St. John Paul II has reminded us: "Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good" (The Gospel of Life, no. 87).
How could faith so small as a mustard seed make a difference? After the Lord tells of what such an amount of faith can do, he relates an account of a master and a servant. It is expected that the servant will wait on the master, no matter how weary the servant is. So, too, we are to continue to follow the Lord, no matter our trials. When we have done so, we do not ask for a reward, for this is what is expected of us. Let us nurture our seed of faith, so it grows until we are ready for heaven.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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Thank you for your continuing support!
East view of the second cross in the eating room. The windows and doors are boarded up going into the gym area.

South west small storage room adjacent to junior high school stairwell. Complete and ready to be filled.

These three pictures are taken looking at the south wall of the eating area. The top photo shows one of two crosses in the ceiling that will ultimately have light fixtures hanging down from it. The windows are temporarily boarded up to protect them from work being done outside. The drop ceiling tiles are a wood grained look to differentiate them from the white acoustical tile in the balance of the room.

South wall of the gym is up. In the gym, the steel beams for the roof and concrete for the floor were the next steps for this area. Pictures to follow next week.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019
6:15 AM - Carmen Giannini req. Family
  Robert J. McMahon req. Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019
6:15 AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019
8:00 AM - Communion Service
9:00 AM - School Living Rosary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019
8:00 AM - Communion Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019
6:15 AM - Communion Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019
8:00 AM - Gieb Families req. Harrington Family
  Larry Huene req. Mr. & Mrs. Martin Minogue
11:30 PM - Baptism
4:30 PM - Freddie Sadrakula req. Janet Sadrakula
  Gerald Higgins req. Kathy & Sam Awad

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019
8:00 AM - Glady Cook req. Janet Wilmoth
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Larry Huene req. Loretta Hardgrove
6:00 PM - Anthony Mendez req. Gerald Walsh Family

**PLEASE NOTE**
This week all diocesan priests will be attending the 2019 Convocation.

There will be Communion Services on Tuesday at 6:15 AM,
Wednesday at 8:00 AM,
Thursday at 8:00 AM,
Friday at 8:00 AM.

Please keep the priests in your prayers during the week.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).
Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:5-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
**Around the Parish**

**Are You Packed?**

*St. Vincent De Paul Fall Clothing Drive*

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 13th  
**FROM:** 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM.  
**WHERE:** East side of the Church Parking Lot near Fairview Ave  

**NO DROP OFFS ON THE PRECEDING SATURDAY.**

Through your donations many of our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters are provided clothing and household items at little or no cost. We accept all clothing, household items, linens, blankets, books in good condition, toys, knick-knacks, throw pillows, Glassware, Cookware, computers and shoes.

**ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT OUR CLOTHING DRIVES:**

- No Infant equipment (strollers, cribs, car seats, high chairs, etc.)
- No Clothes hangers.
- No Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Editions, or Magazines.
- No Sporting Goods (Bowling Balls, Ski’s, Exercise Equipment, Tents, or Sleeping Bags.
- No Items containing mold, mildew, or that smell musty.
- No Blinds or drapery rods unless new in box.
- No Bed pillows, mattress’s or mattress covers.
- No TV’s.

**LARGE PLASTIC BAGS FOR USE IN THE CLOTHING DRIVE WILL BE PLACED AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES**

**FOR LARGE FURNITURE, PLEASE CALL FOR A HOME PICK UP AT 630-231-4638.**

Thank you for your continued support.

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**A Warm Welcome**

We welcome:  
John & Molly Brennan  
Anthony & Renata Limberopoulos  
Luke & Kelli Novak  
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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**Baptism**

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following child to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:  
Meaghan Joy Wernett,  
Daughter of Gary & Terisia Wernett

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Communion Night For Young Adults**  
October 19th, 7:00 PM  

**With a Talk from Fr. Chris Lankford**  
Location: St. Mary’s Church  
Questions? csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th**

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Congratulations to all our students elected to the 2019-20 Student Council, who were honored at our all-school Mass.

Fourth Grade
Room 303:
Patrick Schimmel
Matteo Lenzo

Room 304:
Emilia Gleason
Mary Grace Hubeny

Fifth Grade
Room 301:
Colin Doyle
Caitlin Sobkowiak

Room 302:
Teagan O’Connor
Cannon Clifford

Sixth Grade
Room 104:
Evan Jeschke
Olivia Sashin
Jack Reiser
Avery Slevin

Room 106:
Grace Jermak
Jacqueline Lally
Molly Jeschke
Audrey Ruddy

Seventh Grade
Room 507:
Giovanna Russotiesi
Julia Fremgen
Kiki Sobkowiak
Isabella Gleason

Room 509:
Peyton Farrell
Catherine Hernandez
Natalie Gertlan
Ruby Fernandez

Eighth Grade
Room 503:
Danny Petersen
Ellie Reiser
Jen Lucina
Abbie Dombrowski

OFFICER POSITIONS:
Co - Presidents - Jennifer Lucina and Rory O’Connor
Vice President - Daniel Petersen
Secretary - Ella Reiser
Treasurer - Abigail Dombrowski
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

In Sympathy

Pat Metzger Noonan               George Metzger                Fran Boland                  Eric Agnew                    Karli Brown
Spencer Mehr                   Barbara Suski                     Krissy Dulek                 Louis Montana Sr.          Nicholas Affatato
Jay Jerousek                            Helen Davy                       George Drobney           Amanda Weaver            Kathy Di Iorio
Anna Bandur                          Mark Gowgiel                    Kevin Sullivan               John Sommer                 Donna Miciunas
Candy Cameron                     Dan Juris                            Edward Menghini

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
David Wittenberg, son of Bill Wittenberg
Helen Zydek

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.

In Sympathy

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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

Interested in a Ministry?
Want to become more involved in parish life?

We would love to hear from you!

To sign up for a ministry, go to https://stmarygostyn.org/new-liturgical-ministers-sign-up/

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

If you or a family member would like to have a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility, please contact the Parish Office at 630-969-1063 to arrange. Without such notification, there is no method of knowing who wishes a visitation. Due to privacy laws, hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities are unable to contact St. Mary’s directly.
Religious Education Dates

- Oct 9/10     RE class
- Oct 16/17    RE class - 8th grd Sponsor forms are due
- Oct 20       Sponsor/Candidate Meeting 1pm in Church
- Oct 23/25    RE class - U2 Parent formation at all sessions
                8th grd Patron Saint Reflection due
- Oct 30/31    NO RE class

Diana Stadtler, our Thursday 4:30 1st grade RE Catechist, stopped by the Wednesday 4:30 1st grade RE classes to make Rosaries with all the kids. It is a tradition Mrs. Stadtler has been doing for many years in honor of our Blessed Mother! The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary.
Youth Group Wish List:

- Salty & Sweet Snacks (Candy, chips, popcorn, pretzels, cookies, etc...)
- Drinks (Pop, flavored seltzer water, capri sun)
- Baked goods! & Gift cards for Pizza

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center

Thank you in advance!! :)

Thanks for joining us last week!
See you tonight for a movie night in the Underground!
Marriage Matters

When the kids leave the home, empty nest couples are forced to consider marriage in a new light. It can be wonderful or it can be scary. You may be thrilled as you anticipate a second honeymoon season together. Or you may be asking yourselves, ‘without the kids, do we have enough to hold us together?’

The adjustment to an empty nest can be significant. Looking for a few solutions? The book, *10 Date Nights for Empty Nesters*, has a few suggestions to honor your marriage and be good stewards of the time you have together.

Available at the Parish Center: borrow it like a library book.

John Henry Newman will be canonized on Sunday, October 13th. Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. His writings are considered among some of the most important Church-writings in recent centuries.

“Therefore, I will trust Him... If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him... He does nothing in vain...He knows what He is about.” Soon to be Saint John Henry Newman

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

NEXT TOPIC

MORE WITH MUSIC: WHERE WORDS FAIL MUSIC SPEAKS

Wed. Oct 9th at 7:00 PM
All Welcome
No charge to attend
No reservation needed
“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.

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

Bring your folding or lawn chair

WE’RE BACK! OKTOBERFEST 2019
WHERE: CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH
8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge
(630-910-0770)
WHEN: Friday, October 11th 11, 2019 (6:00-11:00 P.M.)
TIME: DOORS OPEN 6:00 P.M.-EVENT STARTS AT 6:30
Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

Catered German food and dessert, Live Music and DJ,
Dancing, Cash Bar, Costumes (Prize for best costume)
Silent Auction, Grand Raffle
Tickets on sale now: Adults: $30.00
Children Ages 8 to 12: $15.00, Age 7 and under: FREE

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS: $25.00 EACH/5 FOR $100
(WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT) 3 DRAWS-$1,000, $500 AND $250!!! OOMPAH!!!!!

STANDING UP FOR LIFE - NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN
On Sunday, October 6th, Respect Life Sunday, thousands of people of all faiths will be standing in silent witness of their reverence for life. Won’t you take an hour of your time to pray for the sin of abortion with your fellow Americans in a national LIFE CHAIN? This peaceful, prayerful demonstration sends a powerful message to passersby. It also coincides with the 40 Days for Life. In Glen Ellyn the Life Chain will line up at the Anchor Abortion Clinic, 1186 Roosevelt Road from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Go to www.LifeChain.net and click on Illinois to find the location nearest you. Come and be a witness for life. It is such a simple thing to do. You can bring the whole family. If you do not wish to stand for one hour, feel free to bring along a lawn chair. Thank you for standing up for LIFE.

COME AND SEE - VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT
OCTOBER 25-27, 2019
An opportunity for Catholic men between the ages 18 to 45 years to discern how God is calling them while participating in the monastic life at St. Procopius Abbey. During the retreat, presentations are given about the Benedictine monastic life and there are opportunities for discussions and questions, silent prayer, reading and reflection.

Contact Fr. James Flint at vocations@procopius.org for more information or to reserve a spot at the next Come & See Retreat.
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This Week

Monday / 7
8:00 AM School Aims Testing Underground
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55326 Gath. Place A
6:30 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Church

Tuesday / 8
8:00 AM School Aims Testing Underground
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.
7:00 PM Grief Support Chapel

Wednesday / 9
8:00 AM School Aims Testing Gathering Place
9:00 AM School Living Rosary Church
9:30 AM Morning Book Discussion Living Room
1:00 PM H.S.A. Meeting Large Conf. Rm.
1:00 PM School Aims Testing Gathering Place
4:30 PM R.E. Classes School
6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM R.E. Classes School
7:00 PM Nourish for Caregivers Living Room

Thursday / 10
9:00 AM CAFÉ Women’s Bible Study Narthex/PC
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
4:30 PM R.E. Classes School
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM CRHP Continuation Cmte. Large Conf. Rm.

Friday / 11
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 12
11:30 AM Baptism Church
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women Chapel

Sunday / 13
7:30 AM St. Vincent Clothing Drive Parking Lot
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
1:30 PM Baptism Church
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church

We are but your lowly servants
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.