Those who have received the Rite of Christian Burial or held a Memorial Mass from St. Mary of Gostyn Church this past year.

God, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer: grant them your peace; let perpetual light shine upon them.
St. Mary of Gostyn’s St. Vincent de Paul Society
2019 Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program

Adopt-A-Family is a Christmas outreach program for needy families. For more than 29 years, this program has provided Christmas gifts and dinner for 100+ families. Typically, we have about 50 families from the Downers Grove area and 50 families from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Joliet. If you wish to participate, your family purchases a new Christmas gift valued at $20-25 for each member of a needy family. Each needy family provides a ‘wish’ list to St. Vincent de Paul. You also provide all the food necessary to prepare Christmas dinner (or grocery gift cards for one meal).

This is a wonderful experience that you and your family and friends can be involved with during the coming Christmas season. We welcome extended families, school groups, religious education classes, scout troops, office groups, neighborhoods, and others to participate.

How to Get Involved

Fill out the form below and place it in the red baskets located at each church entrance. On the form, indicate the needy family size (1 to 10 or more) you would like to adopt.

Schedule

Sign-up: Nov. 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24 or until all families are adopted
Gift Drop-off: Saturday, Dec 14, 2019, from 8-10AM at SMG parking lot

Questions? Please call Cathy at 630-241-3447 or email at ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net

2019 Adopt-A-Family Sign-Up

Name ________________________________________________________________
If applicable, please identify the group you represent ______________________________
Street address ____________________________________________________________
Town ___________________________ Zip ________
Home/cell Phone: (______)____________________________
Email: ______________________________________________

Size of Family Wanted (circle number): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Can you help with the program or delivery on December 14? Yes  No  Maybe

Drop your completed form in any of the red baskets located at each church entrance or email Cathy at ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net
**A Place Where All Are Welcome**

This time last year we shared with all of you our exciting plans for our Parish’s Activity Center. Today we are so happy that this week we have opened the first phase of the project, the multi-purpose room, for use by our School students for their lunch. As we “break in” the space, we will open it up for additional uses once more of the project is complete. The second phase, the school gym, should be ready for occupancy the first week of January, 2020. The last phase of the project, landscaping and some of the fine detailing of the space, will be ready in spring 2020.

We are so thankful for the support that we have received thus far. As with many building projects, the original financial plans were very optimistic. We have presented to the Diocese and our Finance Committee a new cost projection of $3,174,000. The single largest addition to the cost of this project is replacement of the entire roof from the old gym, at $123,000. We had hoped to use the majority of the old gym roof, which was deemed to be recoverable back in the winter of 2019. But, as the poor weather progressed this year, we had too many weak areas manifest themselves, so we are going to replace it before the winter sets in. We also decided early in the project, that the size of the new gym still was not fulfilling the goals of our Athletic program. This cost is an additional $65,000. These two impacts account for a large part of the overage.

Funding for the renovation thus far, at $2,366,000, looks like this:

- $1,360,000 in pledges, donations, and interest on these donations, $1,200,000 of this already received
- $388,000 in Parish and School allocations
- $238,000 in withdrawals in 2019 and 2020 from the School Endowment Fund
- $291,000 from the sale of our 445 Gierz Property
- $90,000 in miscellaneous additional budget/savings opportunities in 2019/2020

We continue to ask for your help. Please consider a donation to this project if you have not done so already. Our website has more information of how you can make that donation. Also, we would be very thankful for donations of landscaping material and/or labor for the spring portion of the project. Lastly, we can use graphic/design expertise for some of the fine details for the project. Contact Terri O’Dekirk at todekirk@stmarygostyn.org if you have questions or can help in any of these ways.

Again, thank you for helping us bring this dream of a year ago to reality today!

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**From the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

Each one of us is created and blessed by God with individual talents and abilities. We are called by God to use these talents and gifts in service to one another as disciples of Christ; as stewards.

I am proud to present to you the Parish Annual Report of Time, Talent and Treasure for the fiscal year 2018 – 2019. Each one of us is important in continuing the life and ministry that thrives at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish. I thank you for your support of our parish – its ministries, prayer and worship, and financial contributions this past year. You will see that we have used wisely the gifts you have entrusted to us.

Next weekend, I will be speaking at all the Masses asking you to consider becoming a part of the ministries of the parish. Please acquaint yourself with the ministries’ descriptions in today’s bulletin. Come prepared next weekend to sign up for ministries on the cards that will be in the pews.

I am grateful to Val Bava, Business Manager/Bookkeeper and Terri O’Dekirk, Development Director/Plant Manager for their work throughout the year for our parish and especially putting together this stewardship report which I encourage you to read over.

Living as Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts is the best gift we can offer. God will do the rest! We promise to be responsible stewards of the support you give to the work of this church. We are all part of this Journey of Faith!

May we Continue to be Blessed by our most generous Lord.

In Christ,

Rev. James Schwab, Pastor
## St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Stewardship Report

**JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

### Revenue:

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1. School column includes the Elementary School, Preschool, After School Care, and Home School Association (SHA).
2. Endowment distribution will be allocated to the Activity Center project along with the corresponding expenses.
4. Other revenue includes the property sale of 445 Gierz for $300,000.
5. Restricted expenses include a portion of church and school funds allocated to the Activity Center/A Place Where All Are Welcome Campaign.
6. Church Campaign projects still to be completed include a School boiler and Rectory, Gathering Place, Church hallway, and School office HVAC.

### Additional Information as of 06/30/2019

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PARISH HIGHLIGHTS 2018/2019

Good things continue to happen at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish thanks to your stewardship gifts of time, talent, and treasure shared this past year. Your generosity allowed our parish to provide many diversified programs and services, rooted in faith, education, service and community. We had an excellent year from both ministerial and fiscal perspectives. Although the financial statement shows only a modest surplus, we paid off our Diocesan loan, added to the reserve for future parish improvements, and allocated additional funds to the School Activity Center initiative.

- Our Sunday, Easter, Christmas and Holy Day collections ended the year $14,000 under budget. This was offset by parishioner bequests of $26,000, and Diocesan rebates of $42,000 thanks to your wonderful response to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. We sold the property at 445 Gierz at a favorable market value and allocated the funds to the School Activity Center project.
- With the additional donations, interest income, and payroll savings from staffing changes, we were able to allocate another $119,000 from the parish to the School Activity Center and add $60,000 to our Maintenance Reserve, originally established June 2018.
- In March, Jennifer Liszka, our former Religious Education Assistant was hired as the Director of Religious Education.
- The Blue & Gold Gala fundraiser, raffle, and Call for Cash earned over $200,000! Of this, $47,375 was allocated to the School Activity Center initiative. The balance was used to supplement school operations.
- School/Building safety remained a top priority. Security cameras monitor the interior and exterior school building; school faculty and staff were certified in the ALICE response system, CPR, and First Aid; and the Raptor visitor management system was installed in the front office - all due to funds raised at the February 2018 Gala.
- Favorable year end school results resulting from increased enrollment, better than expected fundraising, and payroll savings from staffing changes allowed us to allocate over $130,000 to the School Activity Center initiative to help defray additional Audio/Visual expenses and other costs not included in the original cost estimate.
- The School Activity Center and Gym Renovation project became a reality! As of June 30th, pledges totaled over $1,317,000 with an additional $679,000 allocated from the parish. Demolition/construction began in April. The Activity Center should be occupied as of November 4th with the Gym completion expected by early January 2020.
- The Church Capital Campaign, Blessed in Tradition; Faith in our Future, is nearly complete. Projects remaining include A/C units for the Rectory, Gathering Place, Church hallway, and School Administrative office. A new school boiler for the east wing of the building was installed this fall. As stated in our original Campaign literature, monies received in excess of the project costs would be used to reduce the parish’s loan to the Diocese. As such, we were able to use $155,000 to help pay off the loan in January 2019. Thank you for your support and generosity to keep the campus facilities updated.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2019/2020

- Sunday collections are again budgeted for $29,500 per week with one less Sunday this fiscal year. Christmas, Easter, and Holy Day collections remain about the same as 2018/2019 actuals.
- In anticipation of borrowing $800,000 from the Diocese, or 25% of the Activity Center project cost, we budgeted $10,000 per month in loan payments for eight months. Additional gifts are still welcomed to reduce the loan size.
- The Religious Education program currently has 470 students enrolled; consistent with last year’s enrollment.
- School tuition increased 3% with enrollment at 356 K-8 students and 56 preschool students vs. 353 and 59 last year.
- This year’s Endowment distribution and prior years’ capital improvement carryovers totaling $178,000 will benefit the Activity Center project.
- Parish fundraisers are budgeted to raise $170,500, net of costs. $139,000 of the Blue and Gold Gala fundraiser and raffle will benefit the school’s operating budget along with half the proceeds from the Parish Golf Outing. The annual 5K Fun Run is a community event with a modest fundraising budget. Please support the Parish and School fundraisers.
- This year the School will expand the Social Worker to three days a week. A full-time Interventionist and part-time Math and Reading Resource teachers will continue to collaborate and provide the Student Support Team to students outside the classroom, most of which is funded by a generous benefactor.
- STEM Improvements include continued utilization of the 3D Printer in our middle school program and the addition of a 3D printer for our 4th and 5th grade science curriculum.
- The average cost to educate one child (K-8) in 2019/2020 is budgeted for over $6,500 vs. the tuition rate of $4,740.
- The parish Investment in Education (subsidy) is budgeted at $426,000 for the school ($1,200 per child and 18% of the Elementary School’s operating expenses) and $101,964 for Religious Education and Youth Ministry.
“IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE” (JESUS, ACTS 20:35)

ALTAR SERVERS ministry is open to all boys and girls from 5th through 8th grade. Servers assist the priests during regular, funeral and wedding liturgies.

APPALACHIA OUTREACH travels to McCreary County, Kentucky, to provide labor for community projects and home repair for the poor.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION is for parents requesting Baptism for their children, hosted by baptismal team members to discuss the sacrament, its importance and the parental role in the event.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS meet either morning or evening to discuss and review select books with fellow parishioners.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE is responsible for providing well maintained and functioning facilities that will allow St. Mary of Gostyn to complete its parish mission.

CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Faith Education) are morning or evening groups who meet weekly with an opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge of scripture in a relaxing atmosphere, providing practical, biblical perspectives on life. Also includes ALPHA gatherings.

CHILDREN’S EDUCATIONAL GARDEN fosters an appreciation of God’s gifts so children and adults naturally become good stewards of the earth.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD is a Religious Education program designed for young children who are called forth at the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Sunday Mass to hear the Word of God at their level of understanding.

COLLECTION COUNTERS report and account for the weekly Mass and special collections.

CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) is a spiritual renewal experience bringing adult parishioners together to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION assist the clergy in the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE promotes faith-sharing, hospitality and acts of kindness as basic evangelization, inviting parishioners and inactive Catholics to grow in their faith.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION members are responsible for reviewing and advising on all financial, real estate, administrative, and fundraising aspects of the parish.

FOOD PANTRY in association with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is open every Wednesday from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM and serves members of our parish and Downers Grove community.

FUNERAL LITURGY PREPARATION lends emotional support and helps families plan funeral liturgies.

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL MINISTERS assist the priest and deacons on the day of a funeral/service in greeting the family and friends in attendance.

GOLDEN AGERS meet on a monthly basis. Members of St. Mary’s provide an opportunity to share lunch, play games and socialize with area residents and fellow parishioners.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP helps individuals regain hope and find peace while grieving the loss of a loved one. Sessions meet for six weeks in the Fall and Spring.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is the largest Catholic family fraternal service organization providing members with volunteer opportunities in service with the Catholic Church & the community.

LECTORS proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass. This ministry is open to all men and women of the parish.

MARRIAGE PREP: FOCUS PRE-MARITAL INVENTORY: The FOCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study) is a pre-marital inventory designed to help engaged couples learn more about themselves and their unique relationship. Married couples are needed to facilitate discussion with an engaged couple as part of the marriage preparation process. Training will be provided.
“IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE” (JESUS, ACTS 20:35)

MEDICAL MISSIONS volunteers work together on special projects for those in need such as cloth bandages for wounded, lap robes for shut-ins and baby blankets for area infants born to low income mothers or teens.

MINISTERS OF CARE OF HOLY COMMUNION (Homebound Ministry) are trained for this special ministry of distributing the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist at home.

MUSIC MINISTRY consists of all who share their talent of music, vocally and instrumentally, to help lead the entire assembly to a deeper level of understanding the Word. Ministries include:
- 8:00 AM Mass Choir - Festival Choir
- 10:00 AM Mass Choir - Handbell Choir
- 6:00 PM Mass Choir - Resurrection Funeral Choir
- Children’s Choir - Cantors & Instrumentalists

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS provides monthly gatherings to address the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of families caring for a loved one, in the framework of our Catholic faith.

ONE TOPIC. ONE NIGHT. speaker series aims to provide a platform to cultivate ideas and continue an appreciation of life-long learning.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL members, in collaboration with the Pastor, assume the overall well-being of the parish, present and future. Its primary mission is strategic pastoral planning. Secondary work is consultative, proposing practical solutions to the ongoing life of the parish.

PRAYER GROUPS gather together and pray in community.
- Monday Rosary - Tuesday Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary - Eucharistic Adoration
- Small Christian Community Prayer Group

PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER (PADS) is an Ecumenical program providing shelter and hot meals to the homeless in our area. Volunteer teams host guests Friday nights in the Gathering Place from early September through mid-May. Team rotation is once every 6-7 weeks.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) also referred to as The Catechumenate, welcomes and instructs new members to the Catholic faith and those who wish to complete their Sacraments.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION offers programs for public school children from kindergarten through 8th grade. Catechists (teachers) present children with the Catholic message to live the Gospel of the Lord and prepare students to receive the sacraments.

REVERENCE FOR LIFE organizes and implements parish pro-life activities and awareness.

SOCIAL SUNDAY COMMITTEE hosts refreshments and fellowship after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses once a month in the Gathering Place. Parishioners are encouraged to share the bond of community and conversation.

ST. MARY SCHOOL is a Catholic faith community called together by God to educate children, to proclaim the Good News, and to translate this proclamation into action. The school offers a quality education from preschool through eighth grade. Volunteer jobs include athletics, lunchtime supervision, fundraisers and misc. office duties.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ministers to area residents in need of food, housing, clothing and other necessities to maintain a dignified existence.

USHERS are responsible for seating, collections, and distributing bulletins at Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY/YOUNG ADULT events are opportunities to help young people realize the meaning and purpose of their lives, giving them a chance to encounter Jesus Christ and develop a personal relationship with Him through the Church, be nourished and encouraged by community, have fun, and serve others.
WHAT IS A VOCATION?

A vocation is a personal calling, a mission, a purpose... it’s more than a career. The Christian vocation is the universal call to holiness, lived out in marriage, holy orders (priesthood, diaconate), and consecrated life (sisters, brothers, monks, or nuns).

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

All vocations are inspired by God, discovered in prayer, and nurtured in family life.
If you feel called by God to the priesthood or religious life please contact the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Joliet, Fr. Steven Borello (815/221-6100, or vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org).
Visit: http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations/

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 10/27/2019 $29,798.78
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 19/20) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $501,500.00

Collections to Date
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Thank you for your continuing support!

The Gospel story of Jesus’ encounter with Zacchaeus makes for an ideal stewardship reflection. So does today’s first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Good stewards have faith in, and give thanks for, an almighty and powerful God who transcends the universe, but who gives personal attention to every human being. God loves his creation, his people. He lives in them, and through his Holy Spirit, instills a fundamental goodness in them. Good stewards recognize this movement of the Spirit as a gift, and make efforts to cultivate this gift and grow in their faith. Take time this week to stop and look around you, be aware of God's awe-inspiring creation, and give thanks for God’s loving care and concern for each of us.
WHEN: Friday, November 15th - 9:00 P.M.
WHERE: Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant
COVER CHARGE: $10 per person.
All proceeds including the cover charge goes to funding the new Activity Center

**CASH ONLY 50/50 Raffle ($5 each or 5 for $20)

Thanks to our hosts of the event:
Kevin Read, Brian Doyle, Randy Dibble, Mike Damico, Craig Skala & Matt Weber
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).
Psalm — I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).
Gospel — Today salvation has come to the tax collector Zacchaeus’ house (Luke 19:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38
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Requested by Kathleen Brodin

Funeral Information

Do you want a quick way to find out about funerals that are being held at St. Mary of Gostyn. You can now receive a quick email whenever a funeral is scheduled. The email will include all pertinent information: who the service is for, time of the funeral, and any other details the family has asked us to share with friends and family within the parish.

To register, go to https://tinyurl.com/SMGFuneral

You can also go to the St. Mary’s website www.stmarygostyn.org and click on the Funeral Announcements tab.

Golden Agers

Due to the ongoing construction and limited parking, the Golden Agers will not meet in November. Watch future bulletins for the next scheduled meeting.

Check us out on the web!

www.stmarygostyn.org
Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

Looking Ahead...

With the construction of the Activity Center and Gym scheduled for completion in January, 2020, we want to give you a heads up on the Christmas Mass Schedule this year:

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
3:00 PM Christmas Mass in Church
3:00 PM Christmas Mass in Gathering Place
5:00 PM Christmas Mass with Children’s Choir
11:30 PM Christmas Mass
(Carols begin at 11:00 PM - incense will be used.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Baptism

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Kindergarten learned all about fire-safety during Fire Prevention Week. They discussed many fire-safety rules, all that are very important. But the one rule that is especially important is, if there is a fire, get out and stay out. Firefighter Skala also added to their learning, as he talked about fire safety Do's and Don'ts, and he also showed his firefighter gear. Now, they know how to be fire safe!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Pat Metzger Noonan                George Metzger            Fran Boland                 Karli Brown
Donna Miciunas                    Spencer Mehr              Jaclyn Golly                Michael Kay
Marilyn Gaughan                   John Rudey               Pat Burton                  John Sommer
Hugh Toner                       Niki Nolte                Bob Earley                  Stephen Randall
John Navin                        Nancy Kors                Anna Bandur                Kentworth Gould
Krissy Dulek                      Patricia Wright           

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the family of Marilyn Claus

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
Christopher Fountain   Nathan Kijowski
Timothy Randazzo       Bob Lang
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

- Nov 6/7  RE class
- Nov 12/13  First Reconciliation 6:30pm in Church
- Nov 13/14  RE class ** Parent social at all sessions **
  ** 2nd grade does not have class this week due to First Reconciliation**
- Nov 20/21  RE class - Thanksgiving prayer service at all sessions
- Nov 27/28  No RE class - Happy Thanksgiving!

First Reconciliation

Tuesday Nov. 12th at 6:30pm
Wednesday 4:30 2nd grd students & Thursday 4:30 2nd grade students

Wednesday Nov. 13th at 6:30pm
Wednesday 6:30 2nd grd students & All SMG 2nd grd students

A wonderful time at the RE Saint Fair! Thank you to all of our RE classes for all the amazing Saint projects.
SUMMER TRIPS!!!

SAVE-THE-DATE!

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

July 19th - 25th, 2020

With our guests (Fr. Steven Borello, Seminarian Steven, and James & Rebecca & baby Bethany) at our Vocations Night last Sunday!

We learned EVERYONE’s vocation is to be HOLY, and that by following Jesus and giving our hearts to Him, He will show us the particular way he wants us to follow him & live out our individual vocation (Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life)

Art Supplies Drive to Benefit Gioia ARTS — A Catholic Non-Profit Serving Kids in the Philippines:

Items Needed (New or Used!) + Colored Pencils + Markers + Paint & brushes + Stamps & Ink + Variety of Paper + Stickers + Charcoals & Pastels + Fabric Paint + Glue (sticks & liquid) + Modeling Clay + Gum Erasers + Scissors

All items can be dropped off at the parish office!

Thank you in Advance!!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

HELP US COLLECT FOOD ITEMS FOR PEOPLE’S RESOURCE CENTER AT THE JEWEL IN WESTMONT! ALL ITEMS COLLECTED WILL HELP FEED NEEDY FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING!

Saturday, Nov. 16th
10am - Noon

RSVP TO CLAIRE
CSIMEO@STMARYCOSTYN.ORG
NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVER MONTH

“Caring around the clock”

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

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

Wed Nov 13th at 7:00 PM
All are welcome. No charge.

ONE topic. One night.

A recent ONE topic. One night introduced one of our newest saints: John Henry Newman. Using Bishop Robert Barron’s Pivotal Players video, the evening explored why Saint Newman is an ideal model for today too. Here are some highlights.

One topic. One night. One faith.

This Speaker Series aims to provide our parish a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

Next One topic. One night.
Date: Nov 6th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Deacon Bob
Topic: Being A Deacon in Today’s World

“We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.” Saint John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman was canonized on Sunday, October 13, 2019. Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. His writings are considered among some of the most important Church-documents in recent centuries. Newman was an acclaimed Oxford scholar and fellow, and key Anglican leader, but his conversion to Catholicism banished him as a traitor to England. His conversion took courage, as it caused controversy and cost him everything. He however continued to be a life-long student, always seeking the truth and God’s will. The debate about faith and reason that Newman addresses again and again continues still today. Newman was called the “Prince of the One True Church” and a “Lover of Truth”. In his lifetime he resisted the spirit of “Liberalism” or what we may call Relativism today. In addition, Newman saw the deep beauty of the Sacraments to strengthen and enrich faith. It has been said, “Newman’s canonization in the 21st century demonstrates that excellence and intelligence are fully compatible with biblical faith. In an age that considers faith and reason to be enemies rather than partners in the search for truth, Newman is more important today than he was in his own time” (Father Raymond De Souza, Oct 12, 2019). Newman’s love of learning and courage in conversion are inspiration for us today.

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“Growth is the only evidence of life.” Saint John Henry Newman

one holy catholic apostolic church
GOT GENTLY USED OR NEW TOYS?
HOPE’S FRONT DOOR is currently collecting new and gently used toys to sell at our 11th annual toy sale, December 5th, 6th, 9th, & 11th. All toys will be sold at reduced cost to help our clients, clients of our community partner human service agencies and those in the community in need. The toys are generally priced from 50 cents to five dollars. The idea is to give clients a chance to provide items to their children during the holidays with a sense of ownership and dignity. Family members shop and select items their loved ones will enjoy. We also work with clients who cannot take part in the toy sale to access free items for the holiday.

Please bring toy donations to the HOPE’S FRONT DOOR Office M, W, Th, F; 10am - 11:45am or Mondays 6:30 pm – 8 pm at 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. To arrange a pick up or drop off please email info@hopesfrontdoor.org or call 630.241.0187.

We are also looking for volunteers to help clients shop on December 5th, 6th, 9th, & 11th. If interested in volunteering, please email info@hopesfrontdoor.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOSTS FUNDRAISER
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is hosting “Playing for Miracles,” a fun and lively fundraiser at Carlisle Banquets (435 E. Butterfield Rd.) in Lombard on Nov. 15th. The event features open bar, dinner, charitable gaming, silent auction, and live auction! It’s sure to be a great time! Tickets are $175 each and are available online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140. All funds raised will be directed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

CHRISTMAS KALEIDOSCOPE CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW
St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women invite you to come to their Christmas Kaleidoscope Craft and Vendor Show. It will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in St. Pius X Social Center which is located at 601 S. Westmore Ave., Lombard, IL. There will be Handmade crafts, Home Business Vendors, Raffle, Bake Sale and Lunch. If you need more information, please call Carol at (630) 495-2647.

HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY
Wednesday, November 20th at 2:30 PM
We know that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now science is able to provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet, nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association. Please RSVP by November 18th by calling 630-852-0345 or emailing info@villastben.org.
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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.

ROSA contemplation: 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.