St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sign up today to volunteer for one of St. Mary’s many ministries.
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
All Souls Day
Mass of Remembrance

Last Saturday, November 2, All Souls Day, at the 4:30 PM Mass we remembered those who were given Christian Burial from St. Mary of Gostyn Parish this past year.

At the Mass families brought pictures of their loved ones and placed on the sanctuary stairs among Memorial Candles that were then distributed after communion. As each name was mentioned, we saying refrain from Saints of God in Glory (Bernadette Farrell).

Saints of God in Glory
   Be with us
   Rejoice with us
   Sing Praise with us
   and Pray with us now.

Annual Statistics

Each year parishes in the Diocese of Joliet are asked to do an October count of those (adults and children) attending weekend Masses. This October, 2019 the total Mass attendees for the 4 weekends was 6457, with an average attendance for each Saturday and Sunday of 1614 per weekend.

The average attendance for 2018 was 1582; 2017 was 1663; and 2016 was 1647.

We also submitted our annual statistical report for the official Catholic Directory. Number of Catholics registered at St. Mary of Gostyn parish for this past year is 7853, and registered parishioner households was 2635. The number of infant Baptisms was 64 (up to age 7) and adult Baptisms, (18 and older) was 2. There were 10 couples united in the Sacrament of Matrimony. There were 121 First Communions, 180 Confirmations, and 73 deaths.
In today’s second reading we hear Saint Paul urging the members of the community at Thessalonica to direct their hearts to God’s love through Christ. He wants them to be laser-focused on Christ, and nothing else. He desires that they be strengthened by the Lord and shielded from what is not Christ-like. Good stewards cultivate a “laser-sharp” focus on Christ; not on things that could give them false or superficial images or ideals. Let’s think about our own daily focus: Do we direct our hearts toward Christ or are there other “gods” that claim our attention? Our career? Material possessions? Sexuality? Favorite sports team? Political leanings? Does our daily life point to Christ so that those who are younger and less mature in their faith learn from our example?

**Stewardship**

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Collection 11/03/2019 $32,802.49
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 19/20) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $531,000.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collection to Date $513,030.49
Total (Short of) Goals to Date $(17,969.51)
All Saints Day $3,774.00

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity!

**2019 Adopt-A-Family Sign-Up**

**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. 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

**Drop your completed form in any of the red baskets located at each church entrance or email Cathy at ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net**
Like the mailman, rain, snow, nor sleet will keep us from working on the Gym. The exterior work was slowed for a few days when the rain/snow storm moved through two weeks ago. Several loads of stone were brought into the site to begin the work for the storm water drainage system on the east side of the building as well as to shore up the ground for the balance of the masonry work to be done. By the time of print for this bulletin, all the exterior brick will have been completed on the north side of the building as well as the two vertical pillars on the south wall. Work is also proceeding on the replacement of the old gym (current eating area) roof, which will be complete this week, weather permitting. (See center picture showing delivery of the roofing materials.) Inside the gym, the ductwork is now complete and electrical piping continues to be laid into the ceiling and along the walls.

The eating area of the Activity Center hosted it’s first school lunch this past week. Father Jim, Mr. Tiritilli and the entire teaching staff were present on Monday. Father Jim lead the children in a blessing for the food, those who helped build our Activity Center and for the children. The kids thanked Father Jim and the Parish for the new space as they enjoyed music played through the new wi-fi hook up in the space. Also pictured below is our Frederick Quinn Site Manager, Rob Loch, who has been instrumental in the past two and half months in moving this project forward.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019  
6:15 AM - David Wittenberg  
Sholeen Family req. Charlotte Sholeen

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
6:15 AM - Pete Bensen Sr. req. Nolan Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019  
8:00 AM - Tom Gowgiel req. Family  
Gregory Kozik req. Wayne & Mary Ann Draudt  
Tom Klinger req. Rita Blaney

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019  
8:00 AM - Loretta Ocwieja req. Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019  
8:00 AM - Elizabeth Hacker req. Ray Hacker  
Marvin Ronaldson req. Family  
Donald Stange req. Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019  
8:00 AM - John Fox req. Mike & Mary Signer  
Wedding  
2:00 PM - Lilli Mauser & Richard Schulz  
4:30 PM - Frank Bava req. Bruce & Moira Barker  
Napolean Abella req. Mary Ann Papievis

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019  
8:00 AM - Living Intention for the Grandchildren of Leonard & Bernadette Cudzilo req. Cudzilo Grandparents  
10:00 AM - People of the Parish  
12:00 PM - Neal Lukowski req. Ron & Mary Buchler  
6:00 PM - Peter Caracello req. Hofmaier Family

TODAY'S READINGS  
First Reading — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).  
Psalm — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).  
Second Reading — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5).  
Gospel — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,42-43; Lk 18:1-8  
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
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  

Book of the Dead (Book of Remembrance)  
During the month of November, the Church honors our beloved dead. In memory of those loved ones who have gone before us, the Book of (Remembrance) the Dead will be enshrined in the Prairie Street Narthex during the month of November. Please feel free to write the names of your loved ones in this book. These names will be remembered at Mass during November.

Children’s Sunday Envelopes  
We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of October, we received 8 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $7.40. This money along with the money raised in previous months will go towards the purchase of an art piece “Jesus and the Children of the World”, which will hang in our new Activity Center when we complete the renovation in the school.

As part of the campaign, we also asked the children to commit to sharing their time and talents in their unique ways. Some of what they told us they did is as follows....

- Was nice to my friends at school  
- Shared my birthday presents  
- Helped Mom with chores  
- Helped to clean the house  
- Helped my brother clean up his toys

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima  
- Our Lady calls you by name.  
- Bring Her into your home for two weeks.  
- 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.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, November 16th and Sunday, November 17th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Halloween Fun
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Pat Metzger Noonan  George Metzger  Karli Brown  Kevin Sullivan  Donna Miciunas
Spencer Mehr  Jaclyn Golly  Michael Kay  Sally Moll  Marilyn Gaughan
John Rudey  Stephen Randall  Owen Randall  John Navin  Niki Nolte
Bob Earley  Kentworth Gould  Sharon Cichon  Krissy Dulek  Patricia Wright
Anna Bandur  Mark Gowgiel  Spencer Mehr  John Sommer  John Steffens
Robert Pollachek

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Anthony Cupp
Santo John Edwards

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

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.

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Religious Education Dates

- 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
- 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

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Come join us on the following dates:

11/10  11/17  11/24
12/8   12/15

There will be no Religious Education classes on Wednesday, November 27th or Thursday, November 28th.
SUMMER TRIPS!!!

SAVE-THE-DATE!

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

July 19th– 25th, 2020

St. Elizabeth Youth Conference
JUNE 12-14TH, 2020

Thank you for carving pumpkins, listening to a ghost story from Fr. Mike Schmitz (check it out on Youtube!), praying for souls in purgatory, and asking the saints to pray and intercede for us last Sunday!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Youth Group 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
  - Water Colors
  - Rulers
  - Hole Punches

All items can be dropped off at the parish office!
NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVER MONTH

Find resources and support right here, at the monthly Nourish for Caregivers gatherings to support the family caregivers in your life.

“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.

This Wednesday!
Nov 13th at 7:00
Know a caregiver—help them out by extending an invitation.

All are welcome. No charge.

One topic. One night. One faith.

Date: Nov 21st at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Keith
Topic: No Salvation
Outside the Church?
An Ecumenical Dialogue

one holy catholic apostolic church
The Knight’s Corner

Announcements

Knights Offering:
SMG’s Knights of Columbus were the recipient of Colombian Award for service to Faith, Community, Church, and Family. To achieve this award, our Knights were recognized for the following services:

- Financial support for seminarians
- Spiritual Reflection Program: Some Knights are also CRHP members
- Holy Hour: Eucharistic Adoration
- Food for Families: Financial support to St. Vincent DePaul
- Keep Christ in Christmas: Sales of custom mugs
- Pregnancy Center Support: Waterleaf
- Novena for Life – 9 Days of Public/Private Prayers
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Coats for Kids Donation to the Appalachian Outreach Ministry and the People’s Resource Center
- Boys & Girls Free Throw Championship
- Helping Hands: Paint and repair cabinets in SMG kitchen
- March for Life: Sponsored two high school students to attend the Rally in D.C.

Key Dates

The Knight’s council meetings are on the first Thursday of every month.

Membership Information

If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining our council. For more information contact us at knights@stmarygostyn.org, or speak with one of our Knights.

CHRIST THE KING HOLIDAY FAIR
NOVEMBER 16 & 17

The Council of Catholic Women of Christ the King Parish will celebrate its 14th annual Holiday Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 16 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, November 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place in their Parish Life Center, 1501 South Main Street, Lombard.

Crafts, homemade baked goods and raffles will be available. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

COME LEARN ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
6:00 - 9:00 pm (6:00 - 7:00 pm Potluck Dinner)
St. Joan of Arc Church
Parish Center, Room 22, 820 Division St., Lisle, IL

For more information and to RSVP, visit: signupgenius.com/go/508044FA9A92CA3FF2-cloud17

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.
**This Week**

**Monday / 11**
- **8:00 AM** School Veteran’s Day Assembly  
  Gathering Place
- **2:30 PM** Daisy Troop #55771  
  Gath. Pl. A & B
- **6:30 PM** Boy Scouts  
  Gathering Place
- **6:30 PM** Rosary  
  Church
- **7:00 PM** Basketball Parent Mtg.  
  Activity Center

**Tuesday / 12**
- **2:30 PM** Junior Troop #55103  
  Gath. Place C
- **6:00 PM** Prayer Group  
  Chapel
- **6:30 PM** First Reconciliation  
  Church
- **6:30 PM** School Advisory Body  
  L.R.C.
- **6:30 PM** Youth Ministry ALPHA  
  Underground
- **6:45 PM** Legion of Mary  
  Small Conf. Rm.

**Wednesday / 13**
- **9:30 AM** Morning Book Discussion  
  Living Room
- **1:00 PM** H.S.A. Meeting  
  Large Conf. Rm.
- **4:30 PM** Religious Education  
  School
- **4:30 PM** U2  
  Fac. Lunch Rm.
- **6:30 PM** First Reconciliation  
  Church
- **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.

**Thursday / 14**
- **9:00 AM** CAFÉ Women’s Bible Study  
  UG/Gath. Place
- **1:15 PM** Small Christian Communities  
  Living Room
- **2:30 PM** Cheerleading  
  Gath. Pl. B & C
- **4:30 PM** Religious Education  
  School/Church
- **4:30 PM** U2  
  Fac. Lunch Rm.
- **5:45 PM** Children’s Choir  
  Church
- **7:00 PM** 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
  Church

**Friday / 15**
- **5:00 PM** PADS  
  Gathering Place

**Saturday / 16**
- **12:00 AM** PADS  
  Gathering Place
- **9:00 AM** St. Vincent de Paul Society  
  Large Conf. Rm.

**Sunday / 17**
- **8:00 AM** Children’s LOW  
  Gath. Pl. B & C
- **8:00 AM** RCIA  
  Underground
- **9:00 AM** School Book Fair  
  L.R.C.
- **10:00 AM** Children’s LOW  
  Gath. Pl. B & C
- **10:00 AM** RCIA  
  Large Conf. Rm.
- **1:30 PM** Baptism  
  Church
- **4:30 PM** 6PM Choir Rehearsal  
  Church
- **7:00 PM** Youth Ministry  
  Underground

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**JESUS is LORD**

He reigns over the hearts of all people

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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.

ROSAZY 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.