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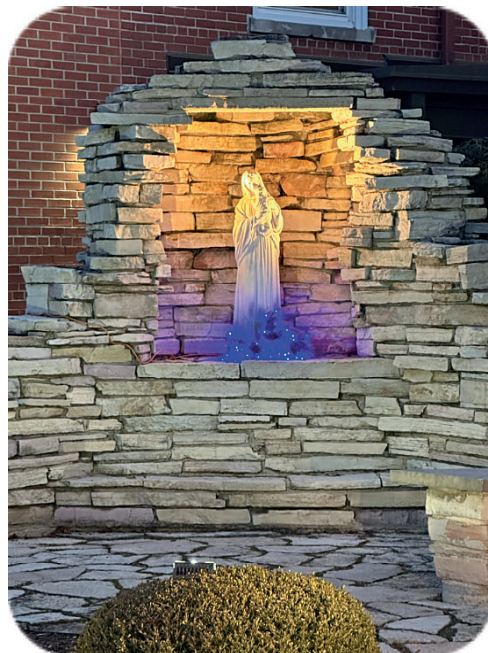
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WEEKEND MASSES:

SATURDAY 4:00PM

SUNDAY 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM AND 6:00PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00AM

New Parishioners:

We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register in person at the Parish Office, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org. Interested in receiving this bulletin online, email us at parish@stmarygostyn.org with your name and your email address(es) and you will receive a color version of the bulletin on Friday mornings.

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard Saturday, 8:30AM to 9:30AM in church. Holy Hour on Tuesday 7:00PM will also provide opportunity for individual confessions. Please see our website or bulletin for Holy Hour dates.

Mass Intentions



Monday November 6th

8:00 am

† Kelly McHugh Walters

Tuesday November 7th

8:00 am

† Bonnie Chereskin

Wednesday November 8th

8:00 am

† Jim & Margaret Shannon

Thursday November 9th

8:00 am

† Betty Kolpa

† Kate Moss

Friday November 10th

8:00 am

† Fr. Michael Walsh & Mary Ellen Walsh

Saturday November 11th

4:00 pm

† Jacques Christiaens

† Carl & Nancy Sterr

Sunday November 12th

8:00 am

People of the Parish

10:00 am

† Tom Gowgiel

Margaret Clark

12:00 pm

† Merlin Romanesko

6:00 pm

living intention for Arlene Lopez



The **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated within the Mass on **Sunday, November 5th at 8:AM Mass.**

Please Pray

Pray for the Sick

John Mika

Sue Conrad

Sharon Kling

Beth Smith

Donald Smith

Lois Bach

Baby Cameron

Nicole Moyer

Emily Torres

Ellie Paruszkiewicz

Irene Karliński

Luke Hyland

Denise Deno

Jack Riley

Adalyn Harres

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Nick Affatato

Charlene Oliver

Barb LeBreton

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Jack Egan

Pam Stefik

Thomas Twardzik, Sr.

Kenneth Twardzik

Rosemary Powell

For Our Military Members;

Kevin Braasch

Michael Martel

Natalya Brechlin

John Svoboda

Kathleen Halloran

Isabella Czopek

Nathan Kijowski

Jack Culligan

Kyle Ng

Brendan Vrtis

Ben Gartlan

Peter Gartlan

Zachary Frana

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Agapita Collo
Deacon Mike McGuire
Hugh Toner
Joseph Duellman

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn;
Deborah Pitts
Jennifer Kuzero & Trevor Reibling

Seminarian Endowment Campaign

There will be a special collection for "*I Will Give You Shepherds*," the Seminarian Endowment Campaign on the weekend of November 11-12 to help educate our seminarians, studying to become Priest's for the Diocese of Joliet. You should have received an envelope for this collection with your regular offertory envelopes. Thank you for considering and for your generosity as we pray and support vocations to the Priesthood. Please place your envelope in the basket with your Sunday offertory, as the basket will be passed **ONLY ONCE**.

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 31st Sunday Of Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk
Father Shaun Cieslik

This is my first year as your Pastor addressing you with our annual Parish update. While Father Jim was still our Pastor during this past year, I was able to see firsthand the vibrancy of this Parish. We are in the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, driven at the Parish level, and our message is clear: Weekly Liturgy and Communion are important for all of us to get to Heaven! We have added grade level Masses to our schedule, more Liturgy of the Word for Children Masses, we have three Be Formed Parish groups meeting weekly to discuss in depth the Eucharist, and we are continuing to invite our youth to participate in Adoration as well as, upon graduation from grade school, to step up and serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

I am happy to report that our Parish financial report is again very strong as you will see with the financial highlights on the following pages. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your time, talent, and treasures with us.

Our campus ministries also continue to provide many services to our community. We have new music ensembles at our Masses, with the children's choir back and cantors and musicians at all Masses. Our Men's Group has been re-invigorated with on campus meetings, our SVDP team continues to serve the increasing numbers of folks who need their help, our monthly PADS gift card drive-by continues to provide aid to those in need, our Grief Support team is available for those who need their help, our Bible studies and Nourish programs are well attended, and our Religious Education program has had catechists step up to meet the needs of the students in the program.

Our children in the Parish are served through our many programs: we had over 450 students in our School last year and another 425 in our Religious Education program, 116 had their First Confession and First Communion, and 120 were Confirmed. We hosted 75 Baptisms throughout the year for children.

As a Parish, we were happy to offer a Passion Play during the Easter season, hosted by our Knights of Columbus, a neighborhood Eucharistic Procession, with 100 participants, and the return of a Parish Welcome Back BBQ, with over 700 attendees. These events serve to build the community of Christ in our Parish.

Again, we are thankful for all that our Lord has given our Parish and all of you who support it.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2022/2023

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

At St. Mary of Gostyn, we know that financial stewardship is an important component of a balanced spiritual life. Returning to God from that which God has given us is a tangible way to express our faith. When each of us gives as we are able, together we fund ministry within our parish, to the local community, and to the world.

- The combined Sunday, Easter, Christmas, and Holy Day collections ended the year with \$46,534 over budget.
- Due to the continued generous support of our parishioners to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, again we surpassed the goal set for us. Our Parish received a Diocesan CMAA rebate of \$49,649.
- With the filing of the COVID-19 Tax Relief, we received the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) in the amount of \$283,322.
- With the favorable Church operating results, we were able to add \$200,000 to our future maintenance reserve fund. That brought our total to over \$1,000,000 in our Future Maintenance Reserve account.
- The Religious Education program served 425 students in K-8.
- Our Parish School had 409 students in K-8 and 65 Preschool students.
- The Parish/School fundraisers brought in over \$300,000. From the Gala fundraiser, we were able to add \$140,508 to the School Staff Enrichment Fund (SSEF) reserve account after paying out over \$70,000 to the teachers and staff as additional compensation for their hard work. SSEF is an initiative to retain and recruit talented school teachers/staff in a very competitive market.
- For FY 2022-23, the Parish Investment in Education (subsidy) amounted to \$367,134 to the school and \$31,323 to Religious Education.
- Overall, the Parish ended up with \$328,980 surplus to be used for future operating and capital expenses.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2023/2024

- Sunday collections, Christmas, Easter and Holy Day collections were budgeted slightly higher than the previous year as we are slowly going back to our normal Church attendance.
- Salaries and Wages for School and Parish staff were budgeted at a 3.5% increase as recommended by the Diocese.
- School Tuition Fees were budgeted with an increase of 5%. We anticipated about the same number of students for 2023-24 school year.
- The Religious Education program was budgeted for 450 students. A part-time Director for Youth Ministry is also included in the budget.
- The Parish Investment in Education is budgeted for \$420,000 and \$94,787 for School and Religious Education respectively. As always, we budget conservatively to cover any unexpected expenses or shortfalls throughout the year.

Together, we strive to be good stewards of the entrusted treasure to our parish. If you have any questions, please contact our business office at (630)969-1063.

Respectfully submitted,


Rev. Shaun Cieslik
Pastor


Kevin Delano
Chairman, Finance Council


Annabelle Tumlos
Business Manager

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 31st Sunday Of Ordinary Time

JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023									
Church		Rel Ed & YM		School ¹		2022-2023 ACTUAL		2023-2024 BUDGET	
Revenue:									
Sunday Collections	\$1,438,089					\$1,438,089		\$1,449,760	
Christmas, Easter & Tuition and Fees	\$223,169					223,169		228,000	
Fundraisers, net of	\$19,109	\$91,849		\$2,252,874		2,344,723		2,471,749	
Endowment Distribution				224,112		243,221		199,000	
School Programs net income ²								20,000	
Other Revenue/Don	121,571			14,431		14,431			
Revenue Total	\$1,801,938			88,128		209,699		176,683	
		\$91,849		\$2,579,545		\$4,473,332		\$4,545,192	
Expenses:									
Salaries & Fringe B	\$666,045	\$70,540		\$2,341,009		\$3,077,594		\$3,230,523	
Repairs & Maintena	49,346			17,906		67,252		92,700	
Services	142,479	3,639		248,043		394,161		484,841	
Materials & Supplie	50,996	1,229		70,140		122,365		122,322	
Rental Expense/Ins	39,176			43,873		83,049		109,962	
Utilities	36,750			43,128		79,878		109,968	
Curriculum Expenses		17,108		116,175		133,283		117,500	
Diocesan Expendit						105,948		98,412	
Ministries, Outreac	105,948	-				36,627		39,472	
Restricted Expense	-18,104	30,656		24,075		15,372			
Capital Expenditure	11,200			4,172		114,170			
Maintenance Rese	76,012			38,158		200,000		119,492	
	200,000					\$4,429,699		20,000	
Total Expenses	\$1,359,848	\$123,172		\$2,946,679				\$4,545,192	
Operating Surplus	\$442,090	-\$31,323		-\$367,134		43,633			
Employee Retention T	283,322					-			
Capital Campaign	2,025			-		283,322		\$ -	
Parish Investment	-398,457	31,323		367,134		2,025			
i						-		\$ -	
Net Surplus/(Defic	\$328,980	\$ -		\$ -		\$328,980		\$ -	
¹ School column includes the Elementary School, Preschool, After School Care, and Home School Association (HSA). ² School programs include Hot Lunch, Athletics, and Fine Arts. Revenue \$165,879 less expenses of \$151,448. ³ Other revenue includes bequests, other unrestricted donations, matching gifts, Diocesan interest income, and CMAA rebate.									
Additional Information as of 06/30/20									
School Endowmen	\$2,323,579			Capital Campaign Account				\$110,558	
Diocesan Deposit A	\$1,857,605								

Many projects around campus have come to fruition over the past year. At the church, both the lighting and sound systems were revamped and significantly improved. We're pleased to report notable cost savings through negotiations or incentive programs regarding these two major investments. Over summer the north, west and south exteriors of the church, as well as the steeple, were repainted as were the exterior porticos of the school, LRC and PC buildings. The lower roof above the Adoration Chapel/east vestibule was replaced with a cost effective and long-lasting single-ply membrane (TPO), while the adjacent rectory roof was completely replaced with insurance picking up 80% of its cost. Our parish parking lot was resealed and re-stripped in June with a full reconstruction slated for 2025. Half-a-dozen parish major appliances around campus were replaced with far more energy efficient models, including the main refrigerator in the Gathering Place, of which now has an onboard freezer. All electric mechanical timers around campus were replaced with astronomic versions which are completely self-adjusting via the actual position of the sun. The result over time is significant energy, maintenance and money savings. A new parish marquee (sign) along Fairview Avenue will arrive soon replacing its decades-old predecessor. Security at the school has been measurably enhanced with the installation of 3M's s800 glass film -- an anti-intrusion, anti-shatter laminate -- at all entry points and on the Activity Center windows. Surveillance cameras have also been updated and enhanced at the school, with entry access being further enhanced and strengthened. This is a non-exhaustive summary of projects completed so far as we're soon to enter yet another year together here at St. Mary's.

-Ed Ahern



Christmas 2023 Adopt-A-Family Saturday, December 9, 2023 St. Mary of Gostyn St. Vincent de Paul Society

Adopt-A-Family is a Christmas outreach program for needy families. For more than 30 years, this program has provided Christmas gifts and dinner for 100+ families. Typically, we have about 40 families from the Downers Grove area and 60 families from our sister parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Joliet. If you wish to participate, your family purchases a new Christmas gift valued at a minimum of \$30 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

First, consider the size of the family that you would like to adopt. Family sizes available for adoption range from a single person (1) up to families of 10 or more.

Sign up will be by email or telephone.

To sign up, please email Cathy and Ihor Hlohowskyj at ihorcaty@sbcglobal.net or call 630-241-3447.

Once you've signed up, information about your adopted family will be provided either by email and/or mail.

Schedule

Sign-up: Beginning Oct 28 until all families are adopted.

Gift Drop-off: Saturday, Dec 9, 2023 from 8-10AM at SMG. (Early drop-off dates will be available upon request).



Christmas Presents for Kentucky

Since 1986, St. Mary of Gostyn has generously provided Christmas presents for the children in Appalachia. As we have done in the past few years, we ask that if you would like to receive a name, or would like more information, please e-mail us at st.mary.appalachia.outreach@gmail.com or call Deacon Al at (630) 960-3565 ext. 221 or Nancy Babel (630) 852-2692. If you do send an e-mail, please include your full name, the number of children you wish to buy for, your phone number and mailing address.

The gift of New Clothing consists of a pair of jeans, socks, underwear, a winter hat and a shirt or sweatshirt. For some of the children this may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

The gifts may be dropped off at the Parish Center, 445 Prairie Avenue, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday, November 13 through Friday, November 17 to Deacon Al's attention. We will also be collecting the presents at 5817 Webster in Downers Grove on Sunday, November 19 from 9:30 AM 12:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe.

St Vincent dePaul Food Pantry October Update



The St. Vincent dePaul Society would like to thank the families, staff and principal of St. Mary's, Christine Kalal for their generous help during our food drive the week of Sept. 27th to Oct. 3rd. They donated an unbelievable amount of food to the pantry. Thanks to them the shelves are filled, and we can serve our neighbors with a variety of can goods, dry goods, and paper products.

"Thankfulness is measured by the number of words. Gratitude is measured by the nature of our actions."-David O. McKay

More than 35 families were served each week during the month of October. Thanks to the loyal contributors to the pantry and the families of the school, we can continue to provide healthy food for our neighbors.

This past month St Mary's Food Pantry served 419 individuals within 144 families to bring the yearly totals to 3894 individuals within 1,394 families. Although our shelves are stocked now, we will go through those items quickly!

If you are able to pick up and drop off the needed items listed below you will be instrumental in our mission to help local families. **Most needed items are regular size bottles of dish soap and laundry detergent, small bags or cans of coffee, paper towels and canned spaghetti sauce.**

Please add a couple of these items to your shopping carts each week. Pantry donations are accepted on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 11:00 am when the pantry is open or the food barrels in church may be used.

SVDP donation envelopes are also available at the church entrances.

Please consider making a monetary donation to the pantry directly by placing your envelope in the Sunday's collection. These donation are used to purchase items that the pantry is low on.

Thank you to all our friends of the pantry.



All Saints Fair - November 4th & 5th

Please join the Religious Education students in the Gathering Place after the 4:00PM Mass Saturday, 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00PM Mass on Sunday, and see **All Saints** that the students have researched and created.

Social Sunday

Coffee and donuts



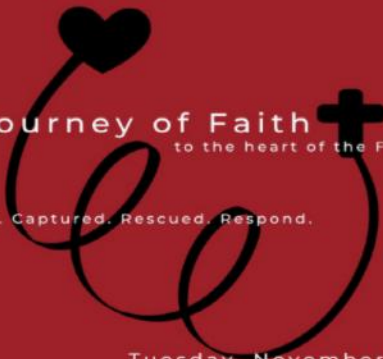
Please join us for coffee, donuts and juice after the 8:00AM and 10:00AM in the Gather Place.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Holy Hour of Adoration
Guest Speaker



Journey of Faith
to the heart of the Father

Created. Captured. Rescued. Respond.

Tuesday, November 7th
7:00 PM in Church

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Who am I? Why am I here?

What is my destiny?

How can I be truly happy?

Kerygma is a Greek word which means "proclamation". In the Christian context, it zeroes in more precisely on the proclamation of the Good News (or "Gospel") of Jesus life, death, and resurrection. In other words, Jesus came to save us and the message we proclaim is about him.

This powerful Holy Hour reflection, by **guest speaker** Katie Choudhary, will leave you energized and reinvigorated in your faith. Includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and opportunity for individual confession.

Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 7:00PM in Church.

COMING SOON

Becoming Catholic | Living Catholic
discussion

Tuesday 11/14 @ 7PM in the Gathering Place
Scripture contains many "portraits" of God, as does the world around us. This session will explore how God created and sustains all, and our Catholic understanding of the Trinity.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

“O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I
would like to be filled with love for you;
keep me closely united with you, may my
heart be near to yours.”

Saint John XXIII

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