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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](http://www.stmarygostyn.org)

**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.

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## Mass Intentions



### Monday November 20th

8:00 am

† Suzanne Cooney

### Tuesday November 21st

8:00 am

† Eileen Fitzgerald

† Chris McCarthy

### Wednesday November 22nd

8:00 am

† Jack Rheintgen

### Thursday November 23rd

9:00 am

Thanksgiving Day - People of the Parish

### Friday November 24th

8:00 am

† Deceased members of the Metzger & Stenner

### Saturday November 25th

4:00 pm

† Nancy Miriani

† Adrienne Stefka

### Sunday November 26th

8:00 am

† Phillip A. Palczynski

10:00 am

† Rita Blaney

† Brittany Battaglia

12:00 pm

People of the Parish

6:00 pm

† Kathryn Kramarczyk

### Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of  
Elaine K. Loy  
Genevieve Tarkowsky  
Janet Sadrakula

## Please Pray

### Prayers for the Sick

John Mika

Sharon Kling

Donald Smith

Baby Cameron

Emily Torres

Irene Karlinski

Denise Deno

Adalyn Harres

Mary Buchler

Charlene Oliver

Stephanie Rodriguez

Pam Stefik

Kenneth Twardzik

James Bentley

Sue Conrad

Beth Smith

Lois Bach

Nicole Moyer

Ellie Paruszkiewicz

Luke Hyland

Jack Riley

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Bob LeBreton

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Thomas Twardzik, Sr.

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Richard Craven

### Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch

Natalya Brechlin

Kathleen Halloran

Nathan Kijowski

Kyle Ng

Ben Gartlan

Zachary Frana

Michael Martel

John Svoboa

Isabella Czopek

Jack Culligan

Brendan Vrtis

Peter Gartlan

### Seminarian Endowment Campaign

Thank you for supporting the formation of our future shepherds.

Last weekend, our parish took up a collection for the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign. Our contributions will be invested in a new endowed fund, the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education Endowment Trust, which is restricted for the purpose of education seminarians. Please know how much our seminarians appreciate your generosity.

### Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, November 12;

#### Ryder Joseph Robinson

son of Bradley and Kelly Robinson

#### Violet Eve India

daughter of Brandon and Jean India

#### Elliana Marie Pesa

daughter of Joseph and Stephanie Pesa

#### Kaiden Ian Lauder

son of Joseph and Cassandra Lauder

#### Mary Claire Kirkendall

daughter of Brian and Erin Kirkendall

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# Bishop Hicks' Column

November 2023

## LAUNCHING OUR 75<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE



A "JUBILEE" IS A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY, marking a certain time period. For example, a twenty-fifth anniversary is universally recognized as a silver jubilee, whereas the fiftieth is known as the golden jubilee. This month, we are officially launching the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of

Joliet, or the celebration of our diamond jubilee.

As they say, "diamonds are forever." This celebration gives us the opportunity to honor our past, commemorate our present, and look forward to the future with hope. Our year-long celebration will officially begin in December 2023 and end in December 2024. However, we have a few things happening in November that I would like to share with you and encourage your participation.

On Monday, November 6, 2023, we launched the first episode of a 14-part podcast series produced specifically for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In our pilot episode, Fr. Tom Paul, the chair of the Jubilee planning committee, and I talked about different ways that you can participate in our anniversary celebration. If you are a podcast aficionado, just listen on your favorite app by searching "Faith Into Action." Or you may try watching it on the diocesan YouTube channel. Either way, the links can always be found in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary section of our website, [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th), which can be read in English, Spanish, and Polish.

As we celebrate with great faith, hope, and love, I want to make sure we have many opportunities to pray together. A nine-day novena will begin on November 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This Novena of Grace is based on the writings of the patron saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier. For daily prayers and devotions, visit the website or see your Sunday bulletin.

The novena concludes on December 3, 2023. On that same day we will host an event at the Blanchette Catholic Center at 1 p.m., where I will bless a new statue of St. Francis Xavier. He will beautifully welcome employees and visitors at the main entrance to our diocesan offices to remind us of our missionary call to share our faith with all people.

Then, for an entire year we will celebrate in ways that highlight my vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action:

1. We will promote **catechesis** through faith formation to help the next generations **know about** Jesus and the Church. Through novenas, prayer cards, and lesson plans, we will grow the knowledge of our faith for all ages. We are blessed that our celebration is occurring in harmony with the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which reminds us how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives.
2. We will also continue to **evangelize**, which is needed to truly know Jesus and **love** Him. True evangelization is realized when we believe in our minds, hearts, and souls that Jesus is real: He loves us, and we love Him. Through liturgies, prayers, media posts, podcasts, printed calendars, and commemorative books, we will actively **share** our faith and love of Jesus, who gives us eternal life through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection.
3. With catechesis and evangelization as our foundation, we will continue to put our **faith into action**. As Catholics, we **serve** the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. We speak for the unborn, the stranger, the abandoned, and those who are in most need of our care. As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I encourage all parishes to establish a day of service in the fall of 2024, responding to the various needs of each distinct community.

Jesus gave us such an incredible gift in the Church, and as baptized Christians, we are called to pass our faith on to the next generations. No one wants to belong to a Church that is merely surviving. Instead, we should have a burning desire to be a thriving Church that truly reflects God's light and God's love.

I encourage you to participate in some aspect of our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee during this next year. There is truly something for everyone, and I want each of you to know that YOU are a vital part of our celebration. So, together, rooted in Christ, let's live out the theme of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary: founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve!



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



**St. Mary's Men's Group** strengthens the faith through real discussions centered on the life-affirming message of Jesus Christ in our Catholic tradition. Experience true friendship in a relaxed and welcoming environment. As iron sharpens iron, St. Mary's Men's Group encourages each other to reach their full potential.

### **Learn. Live. Lead.**

In the midst of the roaring waves of today's times, Jesus Christ invites us to return to the Source and Summit of our faith—his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharistic Revival is a national movement to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

This new session begins November 20th and will look at the way the Eucharist was central to Jesus ministry, and to us today. All are welcome. Begins with study and discussions and ends with time for socializing, while watching whatever sports game is on! **Mondays 7PM in the Gathering Place.**

## ADVENT BEGINS SOON



### **ADVENT HOLY HOURS**

A Holy Hour of Adoration includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, as well as reflection on topics of faith, silence, and music. Optional opportunity for individual confession throughout the evening. Two Advent Holy Hours, 7PM in Church:

- Tuesday, November 28th
- Tuesday, December 12th

### **ADVENT BOOKLETS**

Stop by the Faith Network Desk in the Narthex after Mass to pick up your copy of the Advent booklet. Center this Season on what is truly important.

## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



In the Eucharist Jesus does not give us a 'thing,' but himself; he offers his own body and pours out his own blood.

He thus gives us the totality of his life and reveals the ultimate origin of this love.

Pope Benedict XVI

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## Get Ready to Party at THE 2024 GARDEN GALA Registration Launches Late November!

Can you feel all that excitement in the air?! Maybe it's the fall weather or maybe it's all the buzz in the air as we gear up for the most fabulous event of the year – The 2024 Garden Gala! While ticket details are right around the corner, we're already rolling up our sleeves to bring you all the juicy tidbits and ensure this Gala will be an absolute *BLAST*.

Our success is rooted in your generosity. The gifts, goods, and services from the SMG, Downers Grove, and surrounding communities provided through sponsorships and other donations are carefully curated into live and silent auction packages. All of these donations, activities and your participation are *vital* for The Gala to be a success.

**How can I help?** Our SMG community wouldn't be complete without wonderful supporters like you! We know you generously gave to the SSEF and THANK YOU for all your support. Right now, we are looking ahead and asking for commitments (theme parties, auction items, and sponsorships) and not actual cash. Here are a few ways you can contribute:

### *Explore Sponsorship Opportunities*

Now's the perfect time to let us know if you're interested in becoming a sponsor for this year's event.

We have some wonderful opportunities to showcase your business and some special perks for you if it's a family sponsorship.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Sponsors will be invited to a Pre-Gala Champagne reception to start the night right!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Feel free to **visit the [Sponsorship Page](#)** and check out all the details.

### *Let's Make our Auction Spectacular*

We're on the hunt for incredible auction items!

Your contribution could make a world of difference for our live and silent auctions supporting SMG.

Do you have a connection with:

- Sporting tickets: Bulls, Hawks, Cubs, or Sox
- Concert venues or musical productions
- Vacation getaways
- Gift cards to stores or restaurants
- Sports memorabilia
- Fun themed basket products
- Or a service that you can donate

Ready to make a difference? **Share your offer [here!](#)**

**Let's top last year!** Please consider a business or family sponsorship, an auction donation, or host a theme party with other families. These are super fun & wonderful fundraising opportunities raising \$38,000 for SMG last year.

### **Questions?**

Please email: [gala@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:gala@stmarygostyn.org)

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**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 [ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ihorcathy@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).



**Downers Grove Boy Scout Troop 89 Fundraiser**

**Farm Fresh Christmas Trees, Wreaths, & Garland**

**OPENING DAY: Friday November 24th, 11 A.M.**

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**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**  
**National Collection November 18 & 19, 2023**

The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. World Day of the Poor is November 19. Thank you for considering a donation and for your generosity. Please place your donation in the basket with your Sunday offertory, as the basket will be passed **ONLY ONCE**.

A Call for Stewardship	
Monthly Collections	October 2023
Envelopes	\$101,002.00
Online Donations	\$49,551.00
Total	\$150,553.00
Collection Goal to Date	\$484,400.00
Collection to Date	\$523,243.00
Collection Variance Over (Under)	\$38,343.00
World Mission Donation	\$4,603.05
Thank you as always for your generosity!	



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ST. MARY OF GOSTYN  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## *Help Us to Help Others!*

As the St. Mary of Gostyn, KOC Fr. Ernie Norbeck Council 16062, we have been actively involved in the parish, school, and community. Our council over the last few years has supported St. Mary's with the following programs and services:

- Food Pantry Donations
- Nativity House Donations ([www.nativity-house.org](http://www.nativity-house.org))
- Support for Right to Life Organizations
  - Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SMG)
  - Waterleaf
  - March for Life
- Coats for Kids
- Scholarships for Seminarians
- Tootsie Roll Drive for Person with Intellectual Disabilities
- Special Events
  - Passion of Christ
  - Late Night Catechism
  - Score Night with Mark Grote

As you can guess, these programs/services require funding. During this season of thanksgiving and gift giving, we are asking for your help. **We are selling raffle tickets for \$20 apiece.** The prize is a **Solo Stove Bonfire 2.0 and Accessories Kit (\$500 value)**. Every dollar raised through this raffle will go towards supporting the SMG Knight's charity programs.

**Tickets will be on sale until December 15th or until they sell out. Only 100 tickets will be sold! To purchase your tickets, please go to our website:**

<https://stmarygostyn.org>

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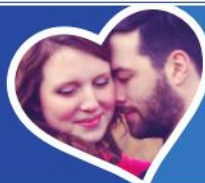
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