

St. Mary of Gostyn

Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday..8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm, 6:00pm

Monday-Friday.....8:00am

Confessions
Saturday.....8:30am-9:30am
Holy Hour on Tuesday 7:00pm
or by appointment

New Parishioners
We encourage you to register
in person at the Parish Office,
or register online through our
website, www.stmarygostyn.org.



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V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me
according to Thy word.



*Hail Mary,
full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

Sunday, December 10, 2023 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday December 11th

8:00 am

† Kathleen Dion

† Mary Bartecki

Tuesday December 12th

8:00 am

Lois Bach & Andrew Bach

Wednesday December 13th

8:00 am

† Mario Giannini

† Sean Patrick Richards

Thursday December 14th

8:00 am

Bobby Oremus

Friday December 15th

8:00 am

† Jim Massura

Saturday December 16th

4:00 pm

† Ann Gogola

† Rita Joy Kramnic

Sunday December 17th

8:00 am

† Diane Main

† deceased members of the Bolduc & Eichhorn families

10:00 am

People of the Parish

12:00 pm

† Fr. Michael Walsh & Mary Ellen Walsh

6:00 pm

† Anthony Morici

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Deborah Panatera

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn
Justin & Justine Kuryliw

Prayers for the Sick

John Mika

Beth Smith

Baby Cameron

Irene Karlinski

Denise Deno

Mary Buchler

Charlene Oliver

Pam Stefik

Kenneth Twardzik

Christina Bronk

Dennis Kalins

Sue Conrad

Donald Smith

Nicole Moyer

Jack Riley

Nick Affatato

Jack Egan

Barbara Compton

Nick Affatato

Luke Hyland

Jack Egan

Rosemary Powell

Richard Craven

Konrad Miskowicz-Retz

Rose Jaskula

Sharon Kling

Lois Bach

Emily Torres

Elle Paruszkiewicz

Adalyn Harres

Barb LeBeton

Stehanie Rodriquez

Thopmas Twardzik, Sr.

James Bentley

Mary Kalins

Kim Iaffaldano

Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch

John Svoboa

Nathan Kjowski

Brenday Vrtis

Michael Martel

Kathleen Halloran

Jack Cuilligan

Ben Gartlan

Natalya Brechlin

Isabella Czopek

Kyle Ng

Peter Gartlan

Baptism

The following child was Baptized on Sunday, December 3, 2023;

Graham Lee Vaughn son of Elliot and Ellen Vaughn

Parish/School Staff

Terri O'Dekirk.....Director of Development

Ed Ahern.....Facilities Director

Annabelle Tumlos..Business Manager

Kelly Johnson.....Adult Faith Formation

Jennifer Liszka.....Director of Religious Education

Erin Lawrence.....Music Director

LeAnne Brown.....Parish Admiistrative Assistant

Christine Kalal.....School Principal

Audrey Krueger....Assist Principal/Co-Athletic Director

Juli Majchrzak.....Marketing Director

St. Vincent dePaul Society....(630)969-1068

Advent/Christmas

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday Of Advent December 23, 2023

Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00PM Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

8:00AM, 10:00AM Mass, **no 12:00PM Mass**

Christmas Eve December 24, 2023

3:00PM Mass in Church and Gym
7:00PM and 12:00AM Mass in Church

12:00AM Mass will have incense

Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM Mass in Church

No 6:00PM Mass

New Years Eve Mass December 31, 2023

8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM Mass

No 6:00PM Mass

New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2024

9:00AM Mass



Adoration Chapel Advent /Christmas

Adoration chapel will be **closed Saturday, December 23rd** and will **reopen Wednesday, December 27th.**

The Adoration chapel will also be **closed Sunday, December 31** and will **reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.**



Oplatki Christmas Wafers are now available in the Narthex Faith Network Desk.

CALENDAR

2024 calendars are now available at all the entrance doors of the church.



Social Sunday

Come join us in the Gathering place for coffee and donuts after the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Mass



A SEASON OF HOPE

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Advent

HOLY HOUR

"It is there that I dare go for the solutions to all my problems." We all struggle with concerns and problems. Holy Hour is the place to come for 'solutions to all problems'.

Despite the busyness of the Season, Holy Hour provides a perfect time to pull back from normal routines, away from noise and distractions, to find joy, guidance, grace, healing, forgiveness and peace. Holy Hour includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and individual confession.

Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM in Church: This Holy Hour includes a Scriptural reflection on the meaning of the Advent and Christmas season. Spend time prayerfully reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and the great importance of Emmanuel - God with us.



CAREGIVERS NEED CARE TOO

Seasons come and go. We know them well. But the seasons of our life, as they intersect with our season of caregiving is hardly predictable, and often brings 'storms' of frustration, exhaustion, isolation and stress. But you are not alone. St. Mary's Nourish for Caregivers provides practical, emotional and spiritual support. Join us **Wednesday, December 13th 2:00PM**, when we'll discuss **A Season For Everything: Recognizing and Embracing the Ebbs and Flows of Caregiving**.



RECONCILIATION

Individual confession available:

- Tuesday evening, December 12th, 7:00 PM
- Saturday mornings, 8:30-9:30 AM
- Thursday evening, December 21st, 6:30-8:00 PM

FROM THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Let us implore Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Star of the New Evangelization, who has been chosen as the Patroness of the National Eucharistic Revival, to heal us of those things that afflict and hurt us so that we may be united in Jesus. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Around the Parish



St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry November Update

Once again, the food pantry was blessed to have donations from St. Mary's families. The Religious Ed families donated food and hygiene items during their annual Thanksgiving drive. Thanks to them the shelves continue to be filled, and we can serve our neighbors with a variety of can goods, dry goods, and paper products. Our neighbors also received Aldi gifts cards for purchases for their Thanksgiving dinners thanks to generous parishioners and the monetary donations made to SVDP. An average of 37 families are being supported weekly by the food pantry. Thanks to the loyal contributors to the pantry and the families of the Religious Ed students, we can continue to provide healthy food for our neighbors.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Charles Dickens

This past month St Mary's Food Pantry served 550 individuals within 189 families to bring the yearly totals to 4415 individuals within 1,583 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 laundry detergent, canned spaghetti sauce, chili, tuna, fruit, corn, peas and mixed vegetables. 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. Monetary donations are used to purchase items that the pantry is low on.**

Thank you to all our friends of the pantry.



Dear SMG Chapel Adorers:

Thank you for your love and devotional prayer for our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, Sacramentally present in the Eucharist. We are truly blessed to have a Eucharistic Adoration chapel at St. Mary's.

Campus safety is an ongoing priority at St. Mary's, and it's important that all our visitors feel safe in our Chapel. Recently, there has been some suspicious behavior taking place in our Chapel and passage hallway on the weekends. Unfortunately, we do not have staff oversight on the weekends to monitor or respond if an emergency occurs.

Therefore, as of January 2, 2024, our Adoration Chapel will be closed on the weekends (Saturday & Sunday). Our new Adoration hours will correspond with our Parish Center hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. It's important that we maintain a safe environment for everyone, including our Chapel Adorers. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Shaun

Diocese

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 18/19 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, you empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because one quarter of our collection stays within the Diocese of Joliet.

Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families.

When you contribute to CCHD in your parish, not only do you help address the symptoms of poverty, but your donation also helps alleviate the root causes of poverty—both globally and locally. Twenty-five percent of your donation stays in your diocese to support organizations making a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit the “CCHD Collection” section on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website at usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins. With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

National Effort, Local Impact

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Joliet to support the organizations addressing our parishioners’ needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit the “About” section at usccb.org/cchd.



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Around the Parish



Time to get the HOTTEST TICKET in Town

The 2024 Garden Gala committee is thrilled to announce the official opening of registration for the most anticipated event of the year - The Annual St. Mary of Gostyn Gala! This enchanting evening promises to be a celebration of our school, bringing together parents, parishioners, supporters, and friends for a night of camaraderie and generosity. The Annual Gala serves as a vital fundraising initiative to support the education and growth of our children at St. Mary of Gostyn.

The Garden Gala Details

- Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace.
- Cocktail hour starts at 6pm with an Open Bar and Hors d'oeuvres.
- You will be seated at 7pm for dinner with a preselected meal choice. Please see the details below.
- Dress code: Semi-formal to formal.

Dinner Choices

Filet Mignon and Chicken Combo

Salmon Filet

Vegetable Kabob

Please see our website to register!

Smggala2024.givesmart.com

There are still opportunities to sponsor the event and/or donate an auction item. Your support will help to underwrite this event. Thank you. Details are on the website under "Sponsorship Opportunities".

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