

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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Sunday, January 14, 2024 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday, January 15th

8:00 am

† Ignas Ruginis

Tuesday, January 16th

8:00 am

† Arlo & Lauretta Anderson

Wednesday, January 17th

8:00 am

† Virginia Ertle

† Bill Morrissey

Thursday, January 18th

8:00 am

† Adrienne Stefka

Friday, January 19th

8:00 am

† Fr. Michael Walsh & Mary Ellen Walsh

Saturday, January 20th

4:00 pm

† Brittany Battaglia

† Richard Retz

Sunday, January 21st

8:00 am

† Jim Massura

† Bill Gurney

10:00 am

People of the Parish

12:00 pm

† Patty Martin

6:00 pm

† Kay Selfridge

Prayers for the Sick

John Mika	Kim Iaffaldano
Beth Smith	Luke Hyland
Baby Cameron	Jack Egan
Irene Karlinski	Rosemary Powell
Patricia Brennan	Richard Craven
Mary Buchler	Charlene Oliver
Rose Jaskula	Sharon Kling
Pam Stefik	Lois Bach
Kenneth Twardzik	Emily Torres
Ellie Paruszkiewicz	Adalyn Harres
Christina Bronk	Barb LeBreton
Sue Conrad	Stephanie Rodriguez
Donald Smith	Thomas Twardzik, Sr.
Nicole Moyer	James Bentley
Jack Riley	Mary Kalins
Barbara Compton	Folisi-Steck families
Cyndi Smith	Jackie Craven
Kathy Larsen	Reggie Thigpen

Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch	Michael Martel	Natalya Brechlin
John Svoboa	Kathleen Halloran	Isabella Czopek
Nathan Kjowski	Jack Cuilligan	Kyle Ng
Ben Gartlan	Peter Gartlan	Zachary Frana

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn,
 Stanton & Joanne Diamond
 Jonathan & Alicia Ankus
 Nicholas Cade & Frances Jones-Cade
 Andrew & Sarah Eisenberg

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 Administrative Assistant
 Christine Kalal.....School Principal
 Audrey Krueger....Assist Principal/Co-Athletic Director
 Juli Majchrzak.....Marketing Director
 St. Vincent dePaul Society....(630)969-1068

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
 David Krych
 Alex Gasiel

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ST. MARY'S THURSDAY AM CAFÉ

Grow in Faith. St. Mary's Café is Catholic contemplation in a relaxed and welcoming environment with other women of the parish. Through a unique style of study which engages your mind, experience and imagination, you'll learn to read, reflect, and respond in faith. Discover the powerful truth of God's Word and practical inspiration for your life.

Women were essential to the ministry of Jesus and the flourishing of the early church. Our **Women in the New Testament** study delves into the lives of the fascinating women who befriended Jesus, were healed and transformed by him, followed him as disciples, and proclaimed the good news of his resurrection. Journey through the New Testament, exploring the social and religious world of first-century Palestine and the remarkable lives of these women of faith.

This next study begins this **Thursday, January 18th, 9AM** with both virtual and in-person options. See website for details and registration.

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



TUESDAY EVENING DISCUSSION

Dive deeper into our Catholic faith to experience the transformative encounter with our God. Through community, learnings and dialogue, as well as Scripture and Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments, our Tuesday evening offerings will strengthen your faith.

The next Becoming Catholic, Living Catholic discussion topic: The Liturgy -The word "liturgy" technically means the 'work of the people', yet there are two more aspects that help us understand why we even have the Mass in the first place. **January 16th 7PM in the Gathering Place.**

ST. MARY'S MEN'S GROUP

St. Mary's Men's Group - Strengthen your faith through real discussions centered on the life-affirming message of Jesus Christ in our Catholic tradition. As iron sharpens iron, St. Mary's Men's Group encourages each other to reach their full potential.

Each gathering begins with video and facilitated discussion, and ends with socializing, beverages and time to watch whatever sports game is on! **Mondays in the Gathering Place at 7PM, starting January 29th.**



BE FORMED

It's not too late: start the year out right!

St. Mary's is offering Be Formed in conjunction with the Diocese of Joliet. Be Formed is a 90-day discipleship experience for men and women that includes weekly videos, small groups, prayer, fellowship and nights of reflection. you will not only learn more about our faith, but will also encounter Christ in an exciting and transformational way.

"As a working mom, I thought I would never have time to do this. But I replaced my social media time with prayer and Be Formed time which is a very good thing."

Participant, Brigid, Clarendon Hills

St. Mary's hosts several in-person groups, and there is a huge variety of time/day options available virtually. The next season, focusing on the Eucharist, begins on Ash Wednesday, but advance registration is required. See website for more information.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



O what a wonderful and intimate union is established between the soul and You, O lovable Lord, when it receives You in the Holy Eucharist!



Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi

PADS MINISTRY

St Mary's supports DuPage PADS through monthly gift card drives, which are used to help those staying at the Interim Housing Center (IHC) in Downers Grove. The IHC has tripled PADS capacity for interim housing, currently 321 people, including 118 children. PADS arranges for cribs, formula and diapers, and helps families get to the pediatrician and other early-childhood services. Next gift card drive is **Friday, January 19th, 5-6PM in the parking lot.**

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](https://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".



Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place the following Sunday;

January	February	March	April	May
1/7	2/4	3/3	4/7	5/5
1/14	2/11	3/10	4/21	5/12
1/21	2/18		4/28	

WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH

JOHN 1:41

Around the Parish



St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry December Update

The Food Pantry continued to provide food and supplies to many neighbors during the month of December. A large donation of food and cash came from Frank N. Szafranski, CFP®, CRPC®, Private Wealth Advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC along with frequent donations found in the church bins or dropped off at the pantry. One thousand dollars in gift cards were donated to the pantry and were distributed to our patrons for Christmas. The generosity to the food pantry has the shelves stocked for January. On behalf of the patrons, SVDP thanks all of those who contributed.

This month St Mary's Food Pantry served 401 individuals within 133 families to bring the yearly totals to 4816 individuals within 1716 families. Now that the holidays are over, the pantry is sure to see an increase in families and individuals.

If you are able to pick up and drop off the needed items listed you will be instrumental in our mission to help local families. Without scheduled food drives, the pantry will need the help of St. Mary's parishioners. Most needed items are canned fruit, canned peas, canned mixed vegetables and regular size laundry detergent or dish soap. Regular size items are the best to donate.

**PANTRY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 8:00 - 11:00 AM
OR USE THE FOOD BARRELS IN CHURCH.**

Why not carry the spirit of Christmas into 2024.

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." – Mother Teresa

I DELIGHT TO DO
your will, my God

PSALM 40:9

Around the Parish

Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Championship

Sunday, January 14th

Three ways for the SMG
Community to support our St.
Mary of Gostyn Knights of
Columbus & SMG Athletics:

1. Invite Your Friends!

This is a community-wide event! Anyone can participate (no affiliation required to the school or parish). It's free! So, invite your friends to sign-up!

2. Need Service Hours?

Volunteers needed! There are plenty of positions and shifts for students to assist. Volunteers can also compete!

3. Compete!



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
Ages 9-14

St. Mary of Gostyn School
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2:00 P.M.

Sign-Up Here



For more information,
please visit:
<https://stmarygostyn.org/freethrow>

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To Sign-Up to Volunteer and/or Compete visit <https://stmarygostyn.org/freethrow>



**Shooters
Wanted!**



Diocese

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$131,400.00, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

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St. Mary's Sunday Bulletin

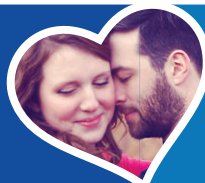
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