

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

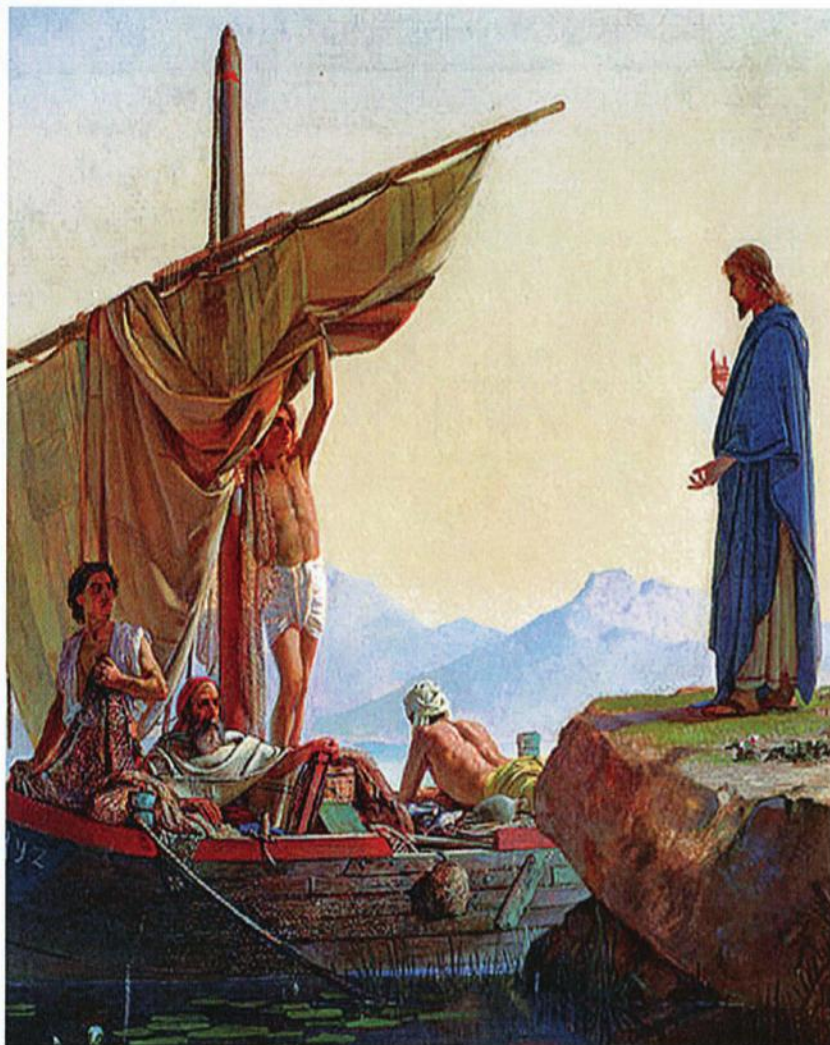
Confessions
Saturday.....8:30am-9:30am
Holy Hour on Tuesday 7:00pm
or by appointment

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James,
the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.

Mt 1:19-20



Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday, January 22nd

8:00 am

† Mario Giannini

† James E. Rosenkranz

Tuesday, January 23rd

8:00 am

† Hugh F. Toner, Jr.

Wednesday, January 24th

8:00 am

† Donna Pawlowicz

Thursday, January 25th

8:00 am

† John Rheintgen

Friday, January 26th

8:00 am

Jack Egan

Saturday, January 27th

4:00 pm

† Francis Callahan

† deceased members of the Adams & Ugarte families

Sunday, January 28th

8:00 am

† Brittany Battaglia

10:00 am

† Frank Zubak

† Donna Pawlowicz

12:00 pm

People of the Parish

6:00 pm

† Donald Gacek

† Beth Zika

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Lucy Mendez
Mary D. Dunne

Prayers for the Sick

John Mika

Beth Smith

Baby Cameron

Irene Karlinski

Patricia Brennan

Mary Buchler

Rose Jaskula

Pam Stefik

Kenneth Twardzik

Ellie Paruszkiewicz

Christina Bronk

Sue Conrad

Donald Smith

Nicole Moyer

Jack Riley

Barbara Compton

Cyndi Smith

Kathy Larsen

Joan Baier

Kim Iaffaldano

Luke Hyland

Jack Egan

Rosemary Powell

Richard Craven

Charlene Oliver

Sharon Kling

Lois Bach

Emily Torres

Adalyn Harres

Barb LeBreton

Stephanie Rodriguez

Thomas Twardzik, Sr.

James Bentley

Mary Kalins

Folisi-Steck families

Jackie Craven

Reggie Thigpen

Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch

John Svoboa

Nathan Kjowski

Ben Gartlan

Michael Martel

Kathleen Halloran

Jack Cuilligan

Peter Gartlan

Natalya Brechlin

Isabella Czopek

Kyle Ng

Zachary Frana

Baptism

The following children were baptized Sunday, January 14, 2024;

Rory Joseph Lindquist son of Ryan and Danielle Lindquist.

John Merrick Fuller son of Robert and Jaime Fuller.

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

Diocese

Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2024

BENEFITS OF A PAPER CALENDAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE



IN AN ERA DOMINATED BY SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, the traditional paper calendar may seem like an antiquated relic from a bygone era. In 2011, I officially switched from my five-year calendar/planner, which sat with heavy prominence on my desk, to a digital

calendar that automatically syncs with my phone. Admittedly, the digital calendar is much more convenient and efficient, and once I made the move, I had no regrets. Yet, I still miss some of the nuances of using a paper calendar.

One thing I miss about writing an event down is the ability to impress my friends or family by telling them that I'm going to write down our appointment "in ink" — a nod to the importance and value of our upcoming gathering. I also miss the act of flipping through the pages of a physical calendar, as it evokes so many memories and emotions. Esthetically, a paper calendar — especially those that hang on the wall — also provides a wide array of styles to display, like artwork, in our homes and offices.

I am delighted that the Diocese of Joliet has partnered with Catholic Extension to publish a 2024 Anniversary Calendar for our 75th Jubilee. Catholic Extension, since 1905, has been effectively building up and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the United States, especially those in economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated areas.

As we mark our 75th anniversary, this calendar beautifully expresses a narrative woven together as a tapestry of a vibrant Catholic Community. It superbly highlights key milestones with historical photographs and anecdotes that chronicle our extraordinary history and evolution. Each month unfolds with an invitation to revisit moments of significance: from the establishment of the diocese to the growth of parishes to the contributions of the clergy, religious, and laity.

This calendar also bridges different generations. It connects those who have witnessed the diocese's transformative journey with the younger Catholics who may be fascinated to learn about their roots. At the same time, it encapsulates the collective memory of our diocese, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. Graphically, the calendar allows us to see that the diocese is much larger than only our own parish experience.

Moreover, the calendar serves as a practical guide offering information on liturgical seasons, feast days, and holy days, along with reminding us about special liturgies, ordinations, and events. It also gives us the opportunity to remember former bishops and sets aside a specific date to pray for each of our parishes. By seamlessly integrating the sacred and the secular, our calendar becomes a daily and monthly companion, enhancing our connection to our faith, heritage, and the sense of belonging to God and each other.

Our calendar further highlights the contributions of individuals, movements, and organizations that have shaped and continue to shape our diocese. Through profiles, stories, and brief history lessons, it celebrates all those heroes, both popular and unsung, whose dedication, faith, and service embody the spirit of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

The calendar's inclusion of key events, Masses, service opportunities, and milestones for the upcoming year not only keeps us informed but also invites active participation. It hopefully will inspire and motivate us to come together and contribute our time, talents, and gifts to ensure that our diocese remains strong and alive for generations to come.

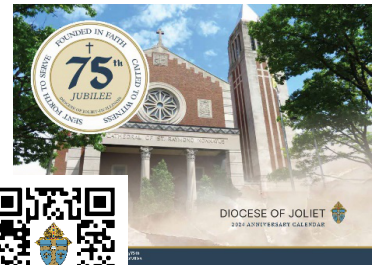
These calendars are so beautiful and informative, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses, companies, and service providers who sponsored the 2024 Anniversary Calendar at their local parishes.

If you were not able to

procure a calendar for yourself, please scan the QR code or go to this link to view it electronically: bit.ly/3tE94m0

Like so many of you, I will continue to use my digital calendar that syncs with my computer and smartphone. However, I also will proudly consult daily our paper calendar as a companion to navigating the folds of time in the digital age. By honoring the past, embracing the present, and hoping for the future, may we continue to pray for each other.

Happy New Year! And with every passing day and each monthly move to the next calendar page, may God bless you and yours.



DIOCESE OF JOLIET



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ST. MARY'S MEN'S GROUP

Made for greatness. 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. As iron sharpens iron, St. Mary's Men's Group encourages one another to reach their full potential. In addition to fellowship and service opportunities, the faith discussions will take a deeper look at our faith and the way it impacts our relationships.

Learn. Live. Lead.

What kind of man are you? Who do you want to be?

"[Mature] Men think about others. They start to crucify their self-centeredness... Saint Peter, went from being self-focused. He was a fisherman and it was all about him. And when he encountered the person of Jesus Christ, Jesus drew out of him this growth in his identity as a man, and he started to give his life away... So think about your own life. Am I focused on myself? Am I focused on what I want to get out of this world? Or am I focused on what I can do for others?"

(Father Burke Masters on Authentic Masculinity)

St Mary's Men's Group-Monday evenings 7PM, beginning January 29th.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

“Stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible.”

Saint Francis de Sales

TUESDAY EVENING DISCUSSION

At St. Mary's we have several opportunities for adults to grow in faith. Most offerings are on Tuesday evenings - so plan to spend Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's!

Upcoming: Don't miss this 3-part Lecture on the Sacraments, which are "as necessary as food and drink are to the body, so are the Sacraments for the health of the soul" (Bishop Robert Barron).

All are welcome - Tuesdays @ 7PM in the Gathering Place

- January 30th: Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist
- February 6th: Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick
- February 20th: Sacraments of Vocation: Marriage and Holy Orders

REVERENCE FOR LIFE

January 22nd is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

BE FORMED

"With the Eucharist, therefore, heaven comes down to earth, the tomorrow of God descends into the present and it is as if time remains embraced by divine eternity."

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. Participants will not only learn more about the faith, but also will encounter Christ in an exciting and transformational way.

"Be Formed kept me focused on how important intentional prayer can be and how awesome it feels to work on my relationship with the Lord."

Participant, Sandra, Joliet

"Be Formed helped me in replacing bad habits with time in prayer and fellowship through focus, repetition and accountability."

Participant, Christopher, Naperville

St. Mary's hosts several in-person groups, and there is a huge variety of time/day options available virtually.

The next season will focus on the Eucharist, and during this year of the National Eucharistic Revival, will use the rich resources available from the USCCB, as well as the document by Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*.

Be Formed - the Eucharist, begins on Ash Wednesday, but advance registration is required. See website for more information.

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".



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	



St. Mary of Gostyn Grief support 6 week session will begin Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 2:00PM in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office 630-969-1063 to register.

Around the Parish



Visit OUR SCHOOL

Tour Our Award Winning Preschool & Grade School

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3 & 4 YR. PRESCHOOL
4 YR. FULL DAY PREK
K THRU GRADE 8



PREK/KINDERGARTEN
INFORMATION NIGHT
6:30PM – 8:00PM

JAN 25

ALL-SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE EVENT
9:00AM – NOON

JAN 28

Altar Server Training

Boys and Girls 5th Grade & Up

Altar Server Make-up Training Session
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024
4:30PM-6:30PM in the church

Altar Server Training

Altar Server Ministry at St. Mary of Gostyn is open To all students in Grades 5 and above. All Altar Servers that need to be trained must register online at <https://stmarygostyn.org> scroll to Ministries, click on Liturgical Ministries, scroll down and click on Sign Up Here. You will then fill out the Ministry Scheduler Pro form.

Questions email: deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org

Sign up question: schedule@stmarygostyn.org



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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