

St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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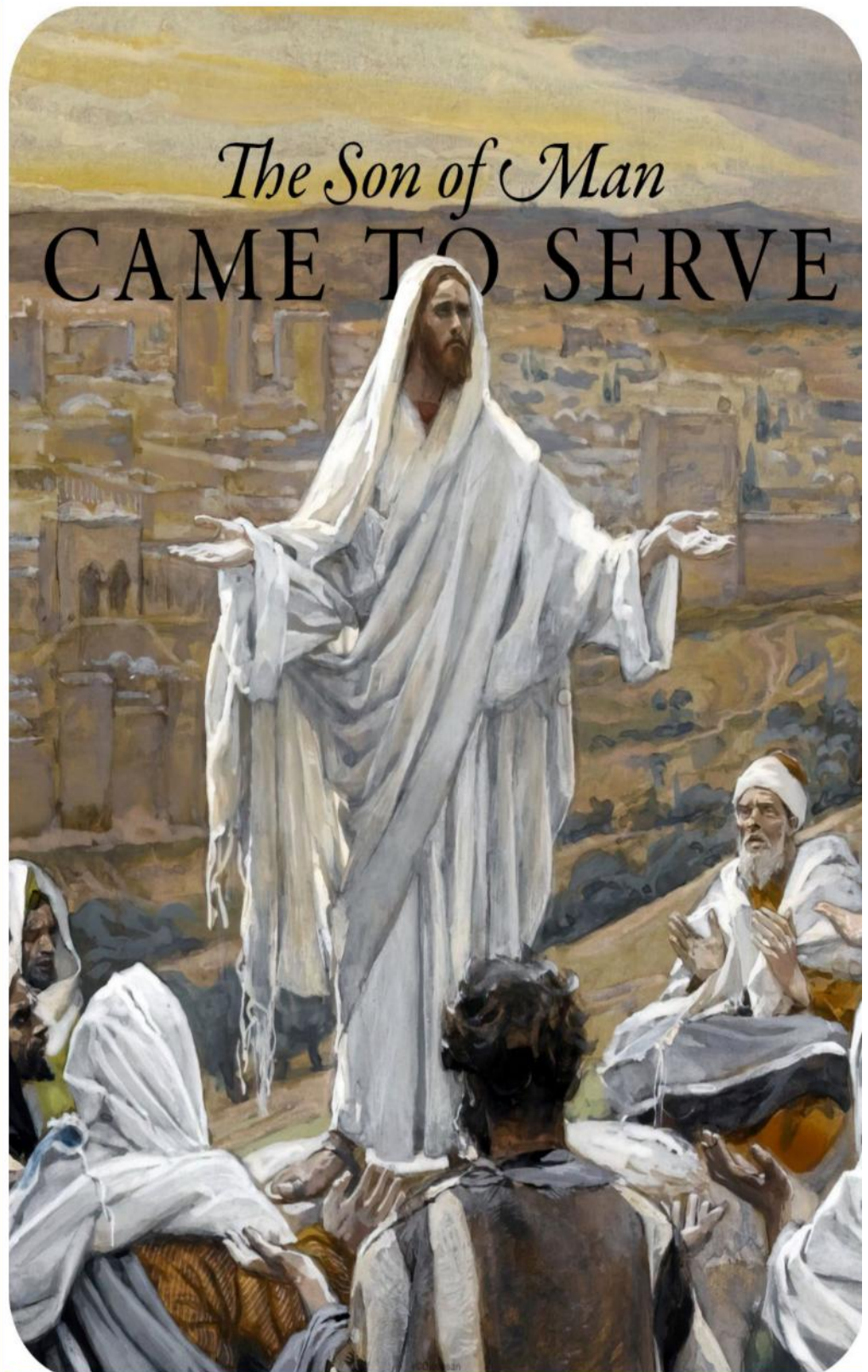
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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



29th Sunday In Ordinary Time | October 20, 2024

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday, October 21st

8:00 am

† Jeffery Bronski

Tuesday, October 22nd

8:00 am

† Frank Czopek

† Karen Lifka

Wednesday, October 23rd

8:00 am

† Frank Czopek

Thursday, October 24th

8:00 am

† Agapita Collo

Friday, October 25th

8:00 am

† Russell Radek

Saturday, October 26th

4:00 pm

† Dorothy Miriani

Sunday, October 27th

8:00 am

† Frank Czopek

10:00 am

† Laurie Chabak

† Bertha Bohanon

12:00 pm

† deceased members of the Kolpa & Schultz families

6:00 pm

People of the Parish

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Bernard Niekelski
Robert Michalski
Judith Letizia

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn,
Joseph & Marrison Biel

Baptism

The following child was baptized Sunday,
October 13, 2024,
Leah Mae Zangara daughter of
Nicholas & Jocqueline Zangara

Prayers for the Sick

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| John Mika | Sue Conrad |
| Sharon Kling | Lois Bach |
| Baby Cameron | Emily Torres |
| Charlene Oliver | Barb LeBreton |
| Kenneth Twardzik | Mary Kalins |
| Rose Jaskula | Jason Malkowski |
| Patricia Finn | Skip Castaldo |
| Mary Kern | Philip Kern |
| Jack Egan | Rob Siebert |
| Barbara Kleespies | Shirley Twardzik |
| John Sommer | Karen Szczypkowski |
| Bill MarlerJ | ason Malkowski |
| David Metzger | Kenneth Boese |
| Catherine Connor | Russell Kessler |
| Elizabeth Robinson | Max Pauley |
| Rob Truby Jr. | |

Names will automatically be removed after four weeks.

Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch
Michael Martel
Natalya Brechlin
John Svoboda
Kathleen Halloran
Isabella Czopek
Nathan Kijowski
Jack Culligan
Kyle Ng
Ben Gartlan
Peter Gartlan
Zachary Frana

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
Lisa Keough.....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

Scripture Readings

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For the Week of October 20, 2024

Sunday

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16;
Mk 10:35-45 or Mk 10:42-45

Monday

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope

Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Hurricane Milton & Helene

Donations to support Hurricane Milton and Helene relief support may be made through Catholic Charities.

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Around the Parish

Welcome

Deacon Thomas Jagielo



Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

My name is Deacon Thomas Jagielo. I grew up in Cicero and received a B.S. degree in Agriculture. I am a groundskeeper at Downers North high school. I began this job in 1999. My wife and I have been married for 38 years. We have twelve children, eight living and four at home in heaven. We have five grandchildren. Two of our grandchildren, Danica and Luca, attend St. Mary of Gostyn school.

I was ordained as a deacon in 1999. I am humbled that Bishop Hicks has assigned me to assist Fr. Shaun in leading the parishioners of St. Mary's to sainthood. I ask our Blessed Mother to guide me and I ask for your prayers.

I look forward to meeting all the wonderful parishioners of St. Mary's.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Thomas Jagielo.

Welcome

Mike Burchinal Parish Development Director



Mike Burchinal was born in Chicago, grew up in the Phoenix/Scottsdale AZ area when his dad took a position there, and then returned to the Chicago area as a young man to build his life here. He graduated from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest with an Accounting degree, and went into sales and marketing. Mike's career spans 40 plus years from field sales through senior sales management roles in manufacturing and distribution of both MRO supplies, and building materials.

Mike is married and lives in Oak Brook with his wife Yoshiko. Between them they have six children and four grandchildren. They have lived in the Hinsdale/Oak Brook area for 23 years and have been parishioners of St. Isaac Jogues since settling in the area where they are active parishioners participating in CHRIP, Exodus 90, and several seasons of Be Formed. In addition, this past August they participated in a mission trip to the Navajo reservation outside Gallup, NM, and are currently leading Surviving Divorce, a new Ministry at St. Isaac Jogues.

Mission Sunday Collection

Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th is Mission Sunday.

The collection basket will be passed **one time**. Please put any Mission donation in the basket along with the regular collection.

Thank you for your generous donations.



Adult Faith Formation

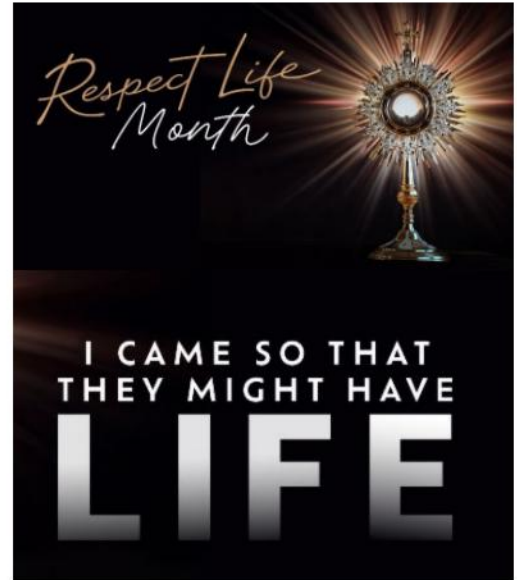
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"

Jeremiah 1:5

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.

This Tuesday's Holy Hour will celebrate Respect Life Month with Scriptural reflections on the dignity of human life, incorporating the special intention of every person's life being protected and cared for from conception to natural death. The Scriptural reflections will include our Blessed Mother as a model, for her exuberant and joyful response to the Annunciation which reminds us what a gift human life is.

Tuesday, October 22nd, 7PM, in Church. In addition to recognizing Respect Life Month, the Holy Hour will include silent time for Adoration, Benediction as well as opportunity for individual confession.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



How sweet, the presence of Jesus to the longing, harassed soul! It is instant peace, and balm to every wound.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"Like all the Sacraments, Anointing of the Sick is both a liturgical and communal celebration...It is very fitting to celebrate it within the Eucharist, the memorial of the Lord's Passover" (CCC 1517, 1520).

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for baptized members of the Christian faithful who have reached the age of reason who face a serious illness or surgery or who are impaired by old age. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. One may celebrate the Sacrament many times if needed for strength and healing in mind, body and spirit. In this Sacrament of Anointing, Christ strengthens our faith and bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within the Mass on Sunday, November 3rd at 8AM Mass.

THURS AM CAFE

**Joy is attractive,
magnetic, & contagious!**

We live in a time of great crisis. So many in our world are tormented with desolation and despair. Yet the Gospel is exploding with joy!

Our world is desperately in need of a joyful Christian witness. Everyone wants pleasure. More deeply, everyone wants happiness. Most deeply, everyone desires joy!

The Church gives us a model for joy in the Rosary. To fully appreciate the Joyful Mysteries, we must enter into the longing and waiting of Israel and try to imagine a world without a Savior. Then, the Word became flesh and exceeded our wildest expectations!

Our next Thursday AM CAFE will dive deep into this desire for joy, with a seven-week exploration of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Using video footage filmed on location in the Holy Land, we'll participate in an immersive and contemplative experience which will move prayer from the head to a heart encounter with Jesus.

St. Mary's Women's CAFE begins this new study on Thursday November 7th, 9AM.

Around the Parish



St. Vincent dePaul October Update

Luke 6:30 "Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back."

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The food pantry is blessed to have the continued support of St. Mary's community. It was the recipient of many food donations from St. Mary's school families during the week of the feast of St. Vincent dePaul in late September. Thanks so much to the school families and their teachers that encouraged the donations.

This month St. Mary's food pantry served 359 individuals within 133 families to bring the yearly totals to 3,469 individuals within 1,270 families. As the weather gets colder, our numbers tend to rise, so the support of parishioners helps to keep the food pantry shelves stocked.

When you do your weekly grocery shopping, please pick up a few items for the pantry. Why not take advantage of the multiple item deals at the grocery stores - buy one for yourself and donate the other item to the pantry. The most needed items are, cans of soup, fruit, tuna, chili, pork & beans, bags of ground coffee, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish detergent. Please donate regular size grocery items.

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

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Our Conference recently gathered for a school Mass in celebration of the feast day of our founder, St. Vincent dePaul, followed by a time of fellowship.

Fr. Shaun shared an inspiring reflection on the life and service of St. Vincent dePaul, reminding us all of the importance of giving and helping those in need. As volunteers, and alongside the school children, who generously donated to the food pantry, we gained a deeper understanding of how our efforts can make a difference in the lives of others.

We joined in the Gathering Space with other neighboring SVDP conferences, as well as representatives from Catholic Charities, with whom we occasionally share the financial expense of rent and utilities, to continue our collective mission of assisting families in need.

Clothing Drive THANK YOU!1

Your generous donations of clothes and household items filled our truck! We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support in making a difference.

Thanksgiving and Christmas, the food pantry likes to provide grocery store gift cards to the pantry guests. Monetary donations for the purchase of these cards can be placed in the collection baskets during Mass using the SVDP envelopes available at the church entrances, an envelope labeled SVDP donations or mailing an envelope to SVDP/St. Mary of Gostyn, 445 Prairie Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

Thank you to all our friends of the SVDP.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus every year run the Tootsie Roll drive to help organizations in our community dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities. Some of those support groups are Thumbuddy Special, SEASPAR and Diveheart. Your generosity and continuous support was overwhelming.

Thank you again for your continuous generosity!

May God bless you,

Knights of Columbus
Fr. Ernie Norbeck Council 16062
St. Mary of Gostyn

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT & FUN!

TRIVIA NIGHT

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|---------|--|
| October | SMG ACTIVITY CENTER |
| 25th | \$30 per Person |
| 7:00 PM | Gather your team and pick your theme! Bring your own food and beverages. |

REGISTER AT [SMGTRIVIA2024.GIVESMART.COM](https://www.givesmart.com/SMGTRIVIA2024)



Around the Parish

Online Registration Now Open

Altar Server Ministry at St. Mary of Gostyn is open to all young people in grades 5 or above. All Altar Servers may register online starting Oct 1st. Please click on Registration to fill out the form.



[Registration](#)

Once you fill out the form you'll receive an email from schedule@stmarygostyn.org with the link for Altar Server Training. Please choose one session only. Training schedule is as follows,
October 22 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm
October 29 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm
An additional session will be added if needed.
Questions email: deaonbob@stmarygostyn.org
Schedule questions: pvena@stmarygostyn.org

Job Opening for the 2024-2025 School Year at St. Mary of Gostyn School

St. Mary of Gostyn School is looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team as part-time instructional assistants to help out classroom teachers and nurture our students' academic and spiritual growth. This is a part-time unbenefited position and would require you to work 5 days a week from approximately 7:30AM-12:30PM. If you or someone you know is interested in making a meaningful impact in a vibrant school community, please visit the following link for more information and to apply.

[Instructional Assistant](#)

Join us in our mission to provide an exceptional education rooted in faith and excellence. We look forward to welcoming new members to our St. Mary of Gostyn family!

For any questions or additional information, please contact ckala@stmarygostyn.org



Children's Liturgy of the Word

October 27, 2024
November 10, 2024
November 24, 2024

A Call to Stewardship

Monthly Collection
September 24, 2024

Envelope Donations.....\$ 91,971
Online Giving.....\$ 49,085
Total Collection.....\$141,057

Total Collection To Date.....\$399,507
Collectin Goal To Date.....\$403,505
Difference: over/(under).....(\$ 3,998)

Thank you, as always for your generosity!

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SAVE THE DATE
Tea's the Season
ADVENT TEA
DECEMBER 12TH
1:00 - 3:00 PM
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Psalm 126:3

Around the Diocese

World Mission Sunday 2024
October 20th

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet
(MT 22:9)

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ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1

ALL SOULS DAY
November 2

Friday, Nov. 1st Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass times: 8 AM with School children present, 12 Noon, 7 PM.

Saturday, Nov. 2nd Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls Mass) 10 AM.

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