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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

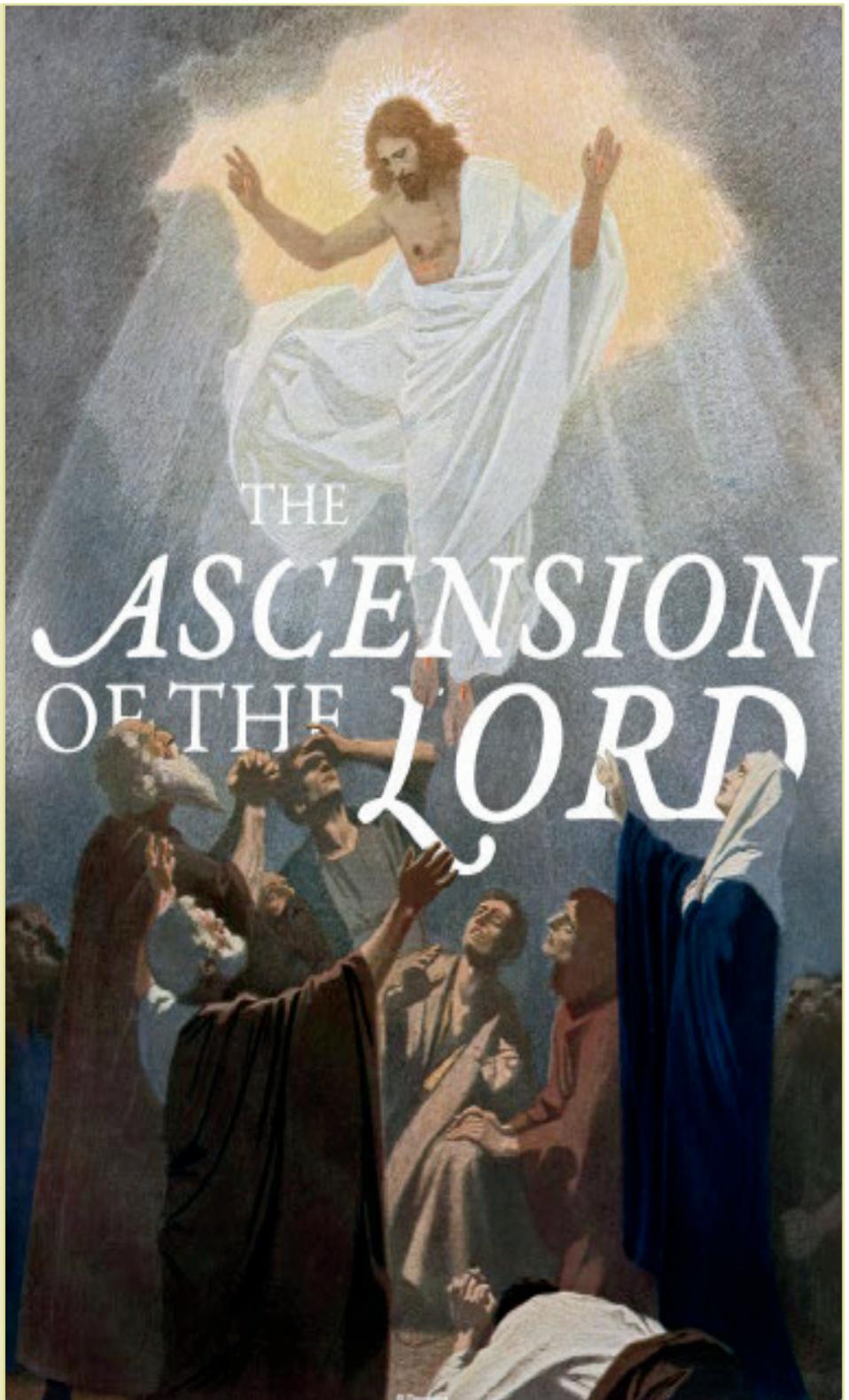
Saturday.....8:30am-9:30am

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



Ascension of the Lord | June 1, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Monday, June 2nd
8:00 am† Marcella Jacksa

Tuesday, June 3rd
8:00 am† Carol A. Orseske

Wednesday, June 4th
8:00 am† George Forst

Thursday, June 5th
8:00 am† Brittany Battaglia

Friday, June 6th
8:00 am† Mr. & Mrs. Charles LaDue

Saturday, June 7th
4:00 pm† Adrienne A. Stefka

Sunday, June 8th
8:00 am† Theresa Rybicki
† Scotty Hixson

10:00 am† deceased members of the Durante Family

12:00 pm† John Bubulka

6:00 pm People of the Parish

Prayers for the Sick

Jason Malkowski	Patricia Finn
Skip Castaldo	Mary Kern
Philip Kern	Kenneth Boese
John Hejny	Ginger Jurish
Anna Bandur	Patricia Kangas
Paul Tong	Marie Rossi
Donald Ulrich	Noreen Fitzgerald
Alan Juscik	Dolores Ronaldson
Vincent Barbaro	Lauren Dempsey
Mary Miraglio	Eliza Skipworth
Alena Truby	Mike Kern
Frank & Buddy Davis	Gloria Caracello
Joyce Kessler	Jan Pietka
Larry Szmurlo	Garry Kornack
Lauren Marshall	Joseph Leto
Frances Mchaffey	Jim Mchaffey
Stephanie Rodriguez	Frank Davis
Julie Worch	Lois Bach
Sue Conrad	Sharon Kling
Karen Swanson	Nick Affatato
Dorothy Troost	Patricia Arbutnot
Melvin Smith	David Laughlin
Susan L. Aparicio	

Names will be removed after four weeks.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.

Tim Zindrick
John Sommer

Prayers for the Military

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

Welcome

We welcome the following to
St. Mary of Gostyn.
Christopher Luther
Ryan & Sarah Christian
Matt & Emily Mittal
Jon & Gina Harrison
Glenn & Mary Pouleson

Parish/School Staff

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of June 1, 2025

Sunday **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
Act 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday **Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday **Pentecost Sunday**
Vigil Mass: Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Adult Faith Formation

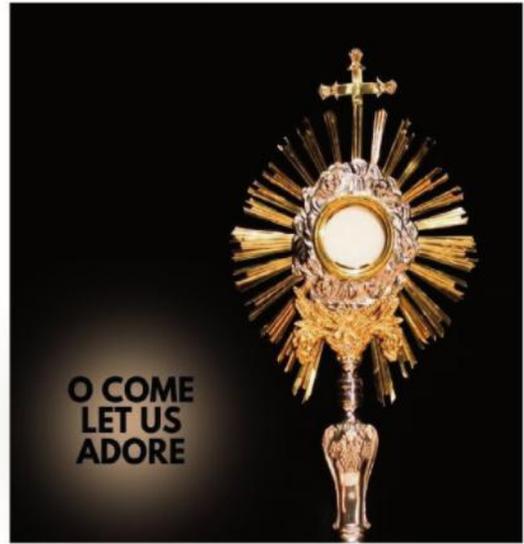
HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration: Why is it important? Quite simply, Jesus longs for our company: **“Could you not watch with me one hour?”** Mark 14:37

Encounter Christ in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at one of our Tuesday Holy Hours in June. At a Holy Hour spend time devoted to prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist where Jesus Christ is truly present in His body, blood, soul and divinity.

- In preparation for next Sunday, this **Tuesday’s June 3rd Holy Hour** reflection will focus on one of the most important days in the Church calendar, but one that is often overlooked: **Pentecost!**
- The June 17th Holy Hour will include Scripture, prayers and reflections centered on the Sacred Heart.

Each Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, prayers and reflection, as well as an opportunity for individual confession. 7PM in Church. All are welcome.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN THE MASS

“The first grace of this Sacrament is one of strength, courage and healing.” The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for all who face a serious illness or surgery or who are impaired by old age. 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 Anointing of the Sick within the Mass will take place on Sunday, June 15th at 8:00 AM Mass.**

“Let us trust in Him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For He is all-powerful, and He tells us: ‘My yoke is easy, and my burden light.’”
Saint Boniface

Summer WITH THE saints

“Walk with the saints this summer—faith-filled stories for the whole family on Formed.”

What is Summer with the Saints?

- Every week of summer (beginning of June to end of August), receive an email containing a Formed video pertaining to a saint from that week.
- Two options to opt-in to: Adults and Kids
- Each week’s email will include suggestions for families to implement what they watched through an activity to keep the summer fun and faith-filled.



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Jacqueline Martin	
Deacon Bob Miciunas	

Event Day Volunteers/Staff

Marrison Biel	Amy Selfridge
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Tammy Brown	Kaite Watson
Kim Collins	
Kristi Gorski	
Valerie Polacek	

Around the Parish | Diocese



The 2025 CMMA

Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish's goal of \$144,000. Each and every gift, regardless of size makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can open your heart to God's goodness in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at joilet-dioceseappeal.org

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!



Welcome

Chris Kahlke is the new Facilities Assistant at St. Mary of Gostyn.

In 1992, Chris and his wife, Jen, joined the parish and have enjoyed the "family atmosphere" of both the parish and school ever since. After graduating from DePaul University with a degree in Finance, Chris founded a commercial plumbing company that serviced many hotels, restaurants, and apartment buildings throughout the greater Chicago area. His experience in the service industry allowed him to effectively problem-solve and meet the needs of diverse clients. Chris is excited to join the St. Mary's staff and family!



Bringing Christ to all People

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

What is a Eucharistic Procession? Some people find Adoration to be too silent or too intimidating, but a Eucharistic Procession allows for prayerful worship of the Lord while moving around! Our Eucharistic Procession affirms our faith in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist, as we walk shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow Catholics, literally following Jesus. Bring your family, load up the strollers for this beautiful Eucharistic Procession to adore, praise and thank the Lord, who continues 'to love us to the end'.

Witness of Faith

"The procession with the Blessed Sacrament...reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives."

Pope Francis, Homily on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 6 June 2021





Congratulations!

Class of 2025



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Around the Parish

Volunteers Needed

SHARE YOUR FAITH
BRING JESUS TO OTHER

Our homebound Ministers of Care of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to those who are homebound and are unable to attend Sunday Mass. We currently have a ministry team but are seeking more volunteers.

Ministers of Care are trained and commissioned to bring Communion to parishioners in individual homes or care facilities who are unable to attend Mass due to being sick or homebound. They offer prayers and support through active listening and a caring presence.

Ministers of Care volunteers must

- have a vehicle and drive to the homebound residence
- complete a Minister of Care course training
- satisfy Diocese of Joliet requirements for working with vulnerable populations

Interested or to learn more, call our parish offices, email Deacon Bob or call 630-737-9637

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfkr>



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