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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

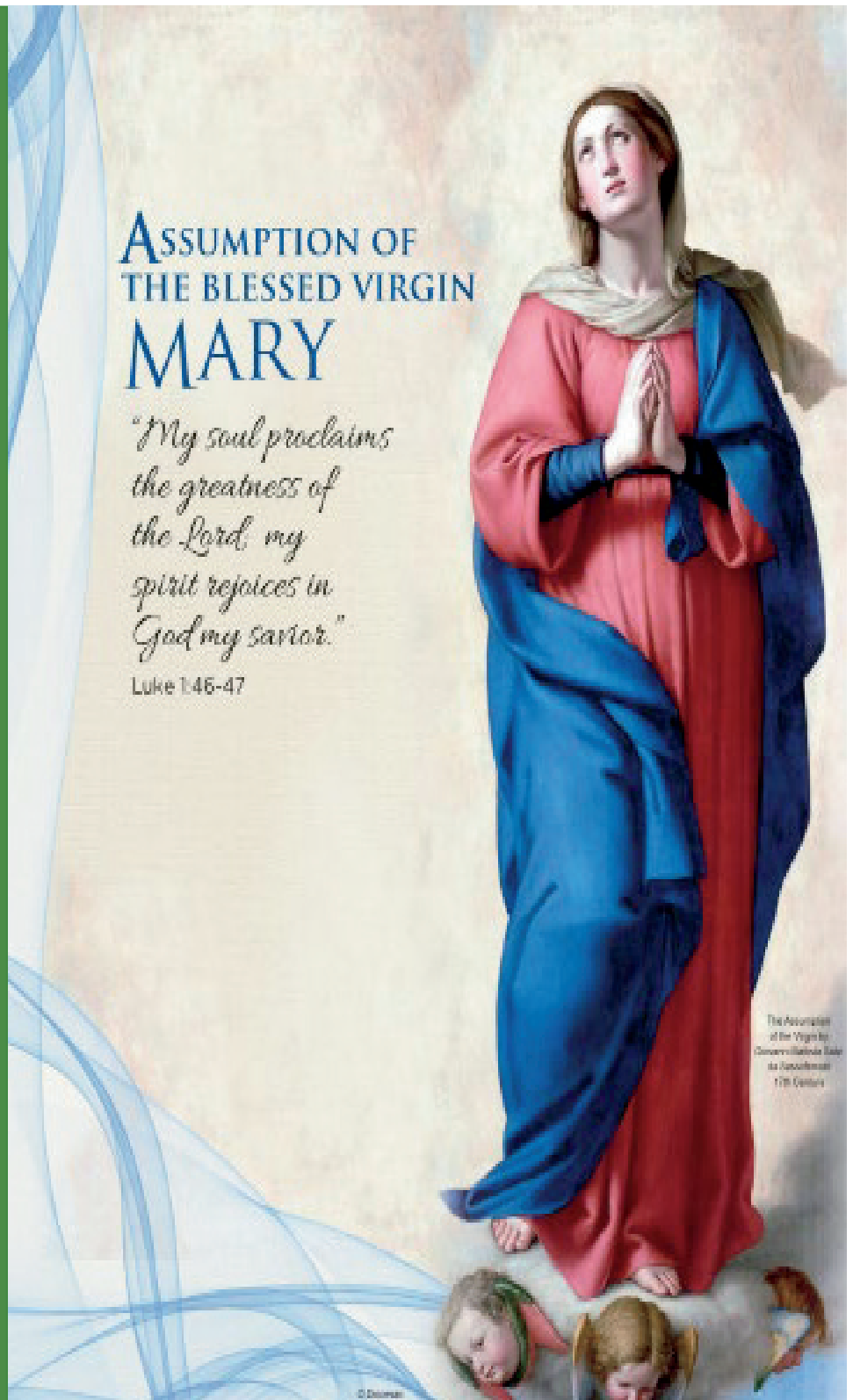
New Parishioners

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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47



The Assumption
of the Virgin by
Giovanni Battista Tiepi
da Capri (17th Century)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 10, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Monday, August 11th
8:00 am† Virginia Horn

Tuesday, August 12th
8:00 am† John Walsh & Annette Sparkis
8:00 am† Virginia Mates

Wednesday, August 13th
8:00 am† John C. Ellis

Thursday, August 14th
8:00 am† Mary Buchler
6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, August 15th
8:00 am People of the Parish
7:00 pm† Margaret Anderson

Saturday, August 16th
4:00 pm† Angelo "Sam" Ciambro

Sunday, August 17th
8:00 am† Eugene & Irene Mersch

10:00 am† Angeline Prince

12:00 pm People of the Parish

6:00 pm† Joanne Frigo

Prayers for the Sick

Jason Malkowski	Patricia Finn
Skip Castaldo	Mary Kern
Philip Kern	Kenneth Boese
John Hejny	Ginger Jurish
Anna Bandur	Patricia Kangas
Marie Rossi	Donald Ulrich
Noreen Fitzgerald	Alan Juscik
Dolores Ronaldson	Vincent Barbaro
Lauren Dempsey	Mary Miraglio
Eliza Skipworth	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	Susan L. Aparicio
Reenie DeMay	Jerry Benish
Laura Davidson	Bonnie Hagen
Scott Melrose	Michael Carbon
Mary Mayer	Gail Earley
Sarah Szczepkowski	Larry Szmurlo
Richard Drobney	

Names will be removed after four weeks.

Prayers for the Military

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



"BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS
WHOM THE MASTER FINDS
VIGILANT ON HIS
ARRIVAL."



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Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the
following families.
Esther Byrne
Vincent Kleepies

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40
Monday	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Adult Faith Formation

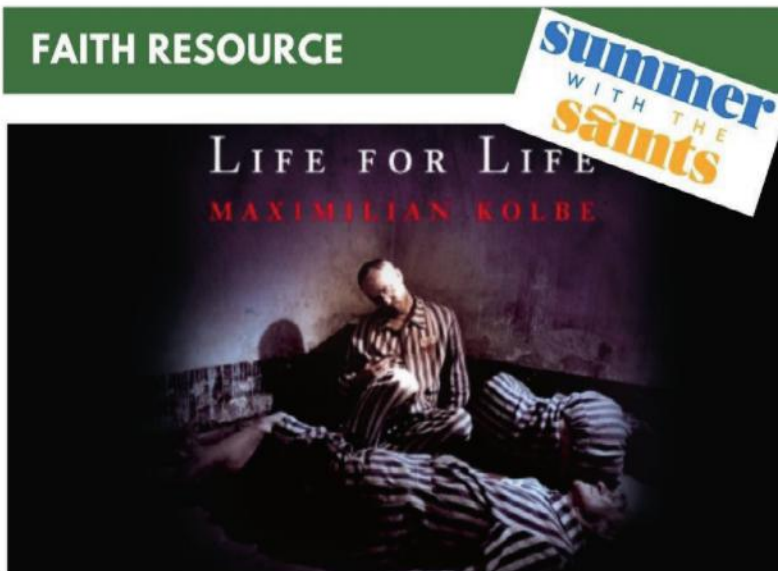
Nourish for Caregivers August 13



Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, family, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

Overcome isolation and loneliness with others who know what you are going through – and with a solid reliance on our faith. **Our next Nourish for Caregivers gathering is this Wednesday, August 13 at 2PM in the Gathering Place. Come join us.**

FAITH RESOURCE



Week: 11

Featured Saint: Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Feast Day: August 14

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
(John 15:13)

Video for Adults: Life for a Life - Maximilian Kolbe. An Auschwitz prisoner escapes from the German concentration camp and ten random inmates sentenced to death by the Nazis as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Father Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates.

Video for Kids: Saint Maximilian Kolbe - Lukas Storyteller. Our friends take a trip that Lukas has prepared, but they soon begin to miss the comforts of home. Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps them understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

BECOMING CATHOLIC



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the way we welcome people into Catholic Church. Our OCIA Inquiry Course will begin in the Fall and is a way to encounter the love of Jesus and learn to live as a Catholic.

- If you're baptized in another faith tradition or never been baptized, or attending Mass because your spouse is Catholic, we welcome you to this journey of faith, and if interested, become Catholic.
- Or, if you're baptized Catholic, but have not received all your Sacraments of Initiation, welcome to this journey.
- If you're a life-long Catholic, we invite you to accompany inquirers along the faith journey, a way to share your faith in conversation with others and model what it means to live as a Catholic.

Together, we'll share in the journey, growing closer in relationship as a faith community, with each other and with Jesus.

Curious? See our website for details. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or receiving any of the Sacraments of Initiation, call the Parish Office at 630.969.1063 or contact Father Shaun.

Around the Parish



A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

MASS TIMES

Thursday, August 14, 2025 - Vigil 6:00PM

Friday, August 15, 2025 - 8:00AM & 7:00PM



Religious Education Registration is now open to All Parish families!
Please go to:

stmarygostyn.org

Go to "Religious Education" and click on "RE Registration Information" for all registration information and forms.



Who Makes a Good Catechist?

- A person of faith who wants to share it.
- Someone willing to work with children or middle schoolers.
- An adult age 18 and up.
- Any adult still passionate about his/her faith.
- A person willing to follow a catechist guide with easy lesson plans.

Can you see yourself in this description? So many times, we think we have to rely on the parents of the children in the program. Did you know that a vast amount of our catechists are not parents from our RE families? Many are parents, but not all.

Consider how you can participate. It's all about sharing what you have been given by someone else. Training is available and encouraged. We're praying for you to consider this opportunity. Please contact the RE office at 630-960-3566 for more information.

Faith is the **realization** of what is hoped for and **evidence** of things not seen.

HEBREW 11:1

Around the Parish | Diocese



The 2025 CMAA

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!



SHARE YOUR FAITH BRING JESUS TO OTHERS

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 Joilet requirements for working with vulnerable populations

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

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SEASON 11 - THE CREED - PART I
THE FATHER
September 12th - December 10th, 2025

Register online July 24th
through August 17th, 2025

Late registrations run
through September 3rd, 2025



SAVE THE DATE

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

AND Ministry Spotlight

SEPTEMBER 21

After 8AM and 10AM Masses

ST. MARY OF GOODWIN
MINISTERS OF CARE
COUNCIL 10002

Around the Parish | Diocese

Important Update for Parishioners: Action Required Regarding CMAA InPew Envelopes

The Development Office of the Diocese of Joliet is committed to maintaining transparency and open communication with our parishioners. We wish to provide an important update concerning the status of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) InPew Envelopes. As many of you are aware, we encountered an unexpected challenge with UPS back in March, which resulted in the loss of 23 packages containing InPew Envelopes, many with checks made out to the CMAA. To date, UPS has been unable to locate these missing packages. In light of this situation, we strongly advise parishioners who made a gift via check using an InPew Envelope to verify their transaction with their bank.

If you find that your check has not been cashed, we recommend you take the necessary steps to stop payment on that check. We deeply appreciate your commitment to the CMAA, and we hope you will prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 CMAA through one of our mailings, or by making a secure gift over the phone by calling (815) 838-8515, or online at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org. Please deduct any incurred bank fees from your gift to the CMAA.

The Development Office would like to reassure all our parishioners that there have been no reported incidents of fraud related to these delivery issues. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we worked tirelessly to remedy this issue as best we could. And we are humbled and grateful for your generous support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal which is so vital to our mission. Your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of so many, and we are thankful for your ongoing commitment to our shared mission of spreading Jesus' kindness and love to all.

For more information, please contact the Development Office at (815) 838-8515 or our Chief Development Officer, Jane Lager, at jlager@dioceseofjoliet.org.



St. Vincent DePaul July Update

St. Vincent de Paul said, "Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

During the month of July, the food pantry served 456 individuals in 179 families. Over 1000 families have been provided weekly food staples during the first seven months of 2025. Each week one or two more neighbors register at the pantry to receive food assistance.

The food pantry staff is grateful for the donations from St. Mary parishioners. These donations are what stock the shelves in the food pantry, but donations have slowed down during the summer months. The pantry's supplies are very low.

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 chili, fruit, soup, beans, spaghetti sauce, as well as dry pasta and Ramen Noodles packages** ***Please donate REGULAR SIZE grocery items. Large items cannot be split, as it is required that the items that are distributed all have labels. Check the Monday eBlast to see the weekly shortages.***

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

Online Donations are now being accepted as well.

For Zelle - send the donation to svdp@stmarygostyn.org

For PayPal - send to St. Vincent DePaul Society-St. Mary of Gostyn

For Venmo - send to svdpSMG

Thank you to all our friends of the SVDP

St. Vincent de Paul Receives \$1,000 Grant from the Diocese of Joliet

We are grateful to share that the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), awarded through the Diocese of Joliet. Two of our members attended a special Mass and luncheon with Bishop Ronald Hicks, where we were honored alongside other recipients.

At the ceremony, we learned more about the incredible impact of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. We learned how the various recipients in our diocese are making a difference in their community by uplifting families facing difficult financial situations. Each year, the CCHD campaign supports community-based solutions that help people break the cycle of poverty and bring lasting change. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners during the Fall CCHD collection, all 16 Joliet Diocese applicants this year—ours included—were fully funded.

What makes this campaign especially meaningful is that 25% of all donations stay within our diocese. That means local groups like ours can continue to serve neighbors in need through practical, person-to-person assistance. This grant will help us feed families and provide crucial assistance with housing, utilities, and other basic needs.

Monetary donations can be placed in collection baskets during Mass using the SVDP envelopes available at the church entrances or an envelope labeled SVDP donation or mailing an envelope to:

SVDP/St Mary of Gostyn, 445 Prairie Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515



Around the Parish



Lace Up — Register for Our Annual 5K & 1 Mile Race!

Join us for a fun, family-friendly race day that brings together runners, walkers, and community supporters of all ages! Whether you're chasing a personal best or just looking for a great way to get active with family and friends, our 5K and 1 Mile Race is the perfect way to kick off the day with energy and spirit.

There will be music, cheering sections, and a whole lot of community pride. Don't miss out on this much-loved event!

We're also looking for volunteers!

Help us make race day run smoothly by signing up as a race marshal or general event volunteer. It's a great way to be part of the action and support a fun community tradition—even if you're not racing.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Gabriella at gseese-burns@stmarygostyn.org.

 **Register now:** runsignup.com/Race/IL/DownersGrove/SMG5K1MileRace

We can't wait to see you at the starting line!

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