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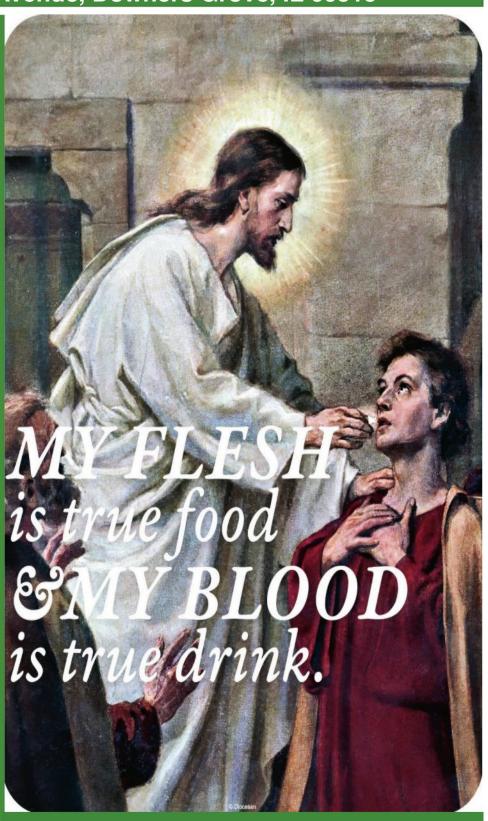
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Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil for Sunday 4:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am 12:00pm, 6:00pm

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



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time I August 17, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Garry Kornack

Joseph Leto

Jim Mchaffey

Lois Bach

Sharon Kling

Nick Affatato

Jerry Benish

Bonnie Hagen

Michael Carbon

Patricia Arbuthnot

Susan L. Aparicio

Monday, August 18th 8:00 am (Living) Alan & Anne Marie Juscik

Tuesday, August 19th 8:00 am (Living) Julie Worch

Wednesday, August 20th 8:00 am (Living) Fr. Tom Paul

Thursday, August 21st 8:00 am† Joseph Cosenza

Friday, August 22nd 8:00 am† Joseph Cosenza

Saturday, August 23rd 4:00 pm[†] Joseph & Marcella Jacksa

Sunday, August 24th 8:00 am† Robert McMahon 10:00 am† Angeline Prince 12:00 pm[†] Eileen O'Sullivan Boyda 6:00 pm People of the Paris

Pravers for the Sick Jason Malkowski Patricia Finn Skip Castaldo Mary Kern Philip Kern Kenneth Boese Ginger Jurish John Hejny Anna Bandur Patricia Kangas Marie Rossi Donald Ulrich Noreen Fitzgerald Alan Juscik Dolores Ronaldson Vincent Barbaro Lauren Dempsy Mary Miraglio Mike Kern Frank & Buddy Davis Gloria Caracello Jan Pietka

Eliza Skipworth Joyce Kessler Larry Szmurlo Lauren Marshall Frances Mchaffey Stephanie Rodriguez Frank Davis Julie Worch Sue Conrad Karen Swanson Dorothy Troost Melvin Smith Reenie DeMay Laura Davidson Scott Melrose Mary Mayer Sarah Szcypkowski Richard Drobney

Gail Earley Larry Szmurlo

Names will be removed after four weeks.

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn. Dan & Erin Landreman Max & Ashley Maciejewski Ronald & Cynthia Mitiy

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

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

Carson Mary Karp daughter of Bradley & Wesley Karp Margot James Zycinski daughter of Mark & Anna Zycinski Parker James Meegan son of Max & Elizabeth Meegan



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Scripture Readings For the Week of August 17, 2025

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

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 1 Monday

9:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt

22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Adult Faith Formation



United in Prayer. As our students head to college or back to school, join other parents (and grandparents) in prayer for the health, safety and wellbeing of our students at the next Tuesday Holy Hour.

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." (3 John 1:2)

Bonus: Bring your college student's address: we'll have stationary to write a note, we'll pay the postage and stick in a Starbuck's gift card as an extra treat! In addition to prayer reflection for our students, the Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, prayers and reflection, as well as opportunity for individual confession. Tuesday, August 26th at 7PM in Church.

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Week: 12

Featured Saint: The Queenship of Mary

Feast Day: August 22

We not only have a mother in Heaven, but also we have a Queen Mother. As this Feast Day honors the Queen of Heaven, we can also ponder the Church's ever-deepening understanding of her role.

Video for Adults: Mary of Nazareth. Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus.

Video for Kids: Brother Francis-Mary Queen of Heaven. Come along with Brother Francis as he explores the special role Mary plays in our lives! Young viewers will learn all about the amazing Immaculate Conception; why Mary is called the Ark of the New Covenant; and how Jesus took her home to Heaven and crowned her queen!

STARTING THIS FALL

FOR WOMEN



There's a hot cup of coffee waiting for you! Join other women of the parish in rich and uplifting conversations about our faith.

This fall we'll explore The Gospel of Luke, with its powerful prose and beautiful details to deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings. The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the authentic fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. As you discover how God has been faithful throughout the ages, you'll see how God's promise guides you in everyday life. Begins Sept. 11th 9AM. Register online.

FOR MEN



Strengthen your faith through discussions centered on the life-affirming message of Jesus. Experience true friendship in a relaxed welcoming environment.

Next study: The most decorated Chaplain in US Army History, Servant of God Emil Kapaun's story inspires and reminds us that every man can achieve the greatness to which God has called us. The Kapaun's Men Virtue Series features fellow Prisoners of War and invites you to dive into the life of Fr. Kapaun and the virtues he exemplified. In addition, men from many walks of life help to illustrate what virtue looks like in today's world.

St. Mary's Men's Group welcomes men of all ages to be committed disciples of Jesus Christ and be better husbands, fathers and men in their local community, equipping them with the spiritual confidence and initiative to continue to grow in their faith journey. Begins Sept 8th with a kickoff and fellowship night for the Bears Monday Night Football opener. Register online.

Around the Parish

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the way we welcome people into Catholic Church. Our OCIA Inquiry Course Studies will begin in the Fall and is a way to encounter the love of Jesus, learn about the faith and discover what it means 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 as a faith community, and in relationship 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.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training will be on October 7th, Tuesday, 4:30pm-6:30pm October 14th, Tuesday, 4:30pm-6:30pm You will be requied to attend only ONE session. More information to follow.



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.

Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us



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.

Around the Parish I Diocese



The 2025 CMMA

Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

If you hve 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 joiletdioceseappeal.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

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A Call to Stewardship Monthly Collection July 2025

Envelope Donations\$	72,798
Online Giving\$	45,890
Total Collection\$	118,688
Total Collection to Date\$	118,688
Collection Goal to Date\$	126,156
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Around the Parish I 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 Lagger, at <u>ilagger@dioceseofjoliet.org</u>.



Saturday, August 23, 2025

🏃 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 gstmarygostyn.org.

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

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



Around the Parish

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