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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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time I September 7, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Patricia Finn

Kenneth Boese

Patricia Kangas

Lauren Dempsy

Eliza Skipworth

Joyce Kessler

Garry Kornack

Joseph Leto

Dolores Ronaldson

Ginger Jurish

Donald Ulrich

Mary Kern

Monday, September 8th 8:00 am[†] Mr. & Mrs. Walter Truskey

Tuesday, September 9th 8:00 am† Bernard Martin Stenner

Wednesday, September 10th 8:00 am† John Walsh & Annette Sparkis Kay Selfridge

Thursday, September 11th 8:00 am† Tim Landry

Friday, September 12th 8:00 am† Annabelle Adams

Saturday, September 13th 4:00 pm† William Wallis

Sunday, September 14th 8:00 am (Living)The Dena Cozzo Family 10:00 am People of the Parish 12:00 pm[†] Franco Pentassuglia 6:00 pm[†] Larry Huene

Pravers for the Sick Jason Malkowski Skip Castaldo Philip Kern John Hejny Anna Bandur Marie Rossi Noreen Fitzgerald Vincent Barbaro Mary Miraglio Frank & Buddy Davis Mike Kern Gloria Caracello Jan Pietka Lauren Marshall Frances Mchaffey Stephanie Rodriguez Julie Worch Lois Bach Sharon Kling Nick Affatato Patricia Arbuthnot Susan L. Aparicio Jerry Benish Bonnie Hagen Michael Carbon Gail Earley Sarah Szcypkowski Koka Haralambos

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Names will be removed after four weeks.

Prayers for the Military Kevin Braasch Natalya Brechlin Kathleen Halloran Nathan Kijowski Kyle Ng Peter Gartlan Noah Sommer Michael Martel John Sovobda Isabella Czopek Jack Culligan Ben Gartlan Zachary Frana Aiden Browning

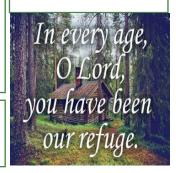
Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following family. Margareet Haack Mary Mayer

Welcome

We welcome the folloiwng to St. Mary of Gostyn.

John & Shannon Casey Brien & Katie Anne Winchel



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Scripture Readings For the Week of September 7, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10,

12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

> Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19 Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26 Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn

3:13-17

Wednesday

Thursday

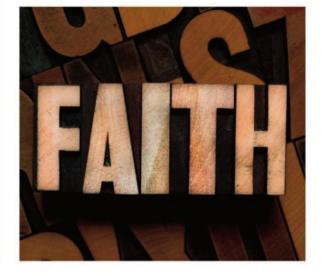
Adult Faith Formation

St. Mary's Men's Group

Be the Man God Called You to Be. 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.



Discover the Richness...

...of the Catholic Faith. How much do you really know about your faith? And, what is the Catholic Church all about anyway? What does it mean to be Catholic?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his Sacraments, and his Saints.

What We Believe is open to all adults. You will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. Together with our Holy Hours of Adoration, What We Believe forms a rich offering for everyone to learn about our Catholic faith and be transformed in relationship with Jesus.

Come! Explore the depth of our Catholic faith. with the best-selling study from Ascension Press, **What We Believe**. Begins Tuesday, September $9^{\rm th}$. See website for full schedule, materials and registration.

Caring for You...

....through your stages of caregiving. Whether you're just beginning by running errands and attending doctor visits. Or you're realizing taking care of another requires more time managing medicines and dealing with health and safety concerns. Or maybe you're a full-time caregiver. At whatever stage, Nourish for Caregivers is here to support you and your needs with practical, emotional and spiritual support.

Walking with Christ. Nourished by Grace. Regardless of the circumstances and challenges, we can confidently know that the Lord goes before us. Walking with Christ shines light on our path. His grace helps us see the blessings in caring for another as we uncover God moving in the midst of these experiences.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 2PM in the Gathering Place.

Thursday AM Women's CAFE

For a Lifetime of Spiritual Growth. St. Mary's Cafe will shed new light on sacred Scripture, helping you more deeply understand Christ and His Church. By engaging the mind and feeding the soul, this time together will help you grow ever closer to Christ. If you've never been to a Bible Study before, or if you are an avid Bible student, St. Mary's Café is right for you.

Kick off the fall session with a Guest Speaker! In her talk, Friendship with Jesus, Dr. Mary Amore will share reflections on Pope Francis' writings. Then we'll begin Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, an 8-session study from Ascension Press. With its powerful prose and beautiful details, The Gospel of Luke will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings. See how the Holy Spirit is working in your life, just as he did in the life of Jesus.

Thursday mornings, 9AM.

Guest speaker September 11th.

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled begins September 18th.

Registration is helpful, see online for more details and registration.



Friendship with Jesus. Reflecting on the writings of Pope Francis, Guest Speaker Dr. Mary Amore will share insights on the importance of a relationship with Jesus.

Thursday AM CAFE Kickoff Speaker, September 11th 9AM in the Gathering Place. Register online or 630.969.1063.

A Journey of Faith

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.

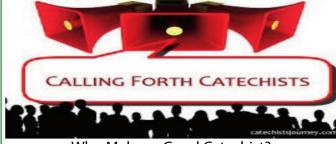


Religious Education Registration is now open to All Parish families! Please go to:

stmarygostyn.org

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





- 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.





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



Beginning in September, we are excited to introduce a new musical setting of the parts of the Mass. The Mass of Joy and Peace by Tony Alonso will bring a bright and prayerful sound to our Mass celebration.

Tony Alonso is a Latin Grammy nominated composer of liturgical music, and is a graduate of Northwestern University. He has additional music in our hymnal that we look forward to learning and using soon. You can learn more about him at www.tonyalonso.com.

Our musicians have been preparing the new setting, and look forward to your participation! This coming weekend, we'll begin with the Gospel Acclamation, and next weekend we'll also include the Holy, Holy. These videos will give you an idea of what to expect. Please enjoy!

Mass of Joy and Peace Gospel Acclamation: https://youtu.be/5BJji-Z9g2s?si=tQyAN49wpAmAb6S5

Mass of Joy and Peace Holy, Holy: https://youtu.be/QTrOh1eDE9E?si=3QZdHRg -ohtyiAE



St. Vincent DePaul August Update

Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for what he has done."

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The summer months brought many new families to the food pantry. The pantry served over 1100 individuals in 147 families. That brings our yearly totals to over 300 individuals have been provided food this year.

The food pantry continues to be dependent on the generous donations of St. Mary parishioners. We are grateful to the regular pantry donors, who provide items for the pantry weekly or monthly. These donations are what stock the shelves in the food pantry, but the pantry stock is very low. If you haven't donated any food items recently, the food pantry could use your assistance.

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 vegetables, fruit, soup, beans, prepared can pastas as well as dry pasta, rice side dishes and Ramen noodles packages. Please donate <u>REGULAR SIZE</u> grocery items. Large items cannot be split, as it is required that the items that are distributed have a label and are in original packaging. The pantry can't distribute open items. 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on Friday, September 26^{th} at the 8:00am Mass. Following Mass, all volunteers, donors, and those interested in learning more about our ministry are invited to fellowship in the Gathering Place.

SAVE THE DATE

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE OCTOBER 4 & 5

It's time to clean out your closets! Sort through your clothing, household items, linens, sporting goods and TOYS. A full list of acceptable donation items can be found on the Joliet Diocese website http://svdpjolietstores.org

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

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

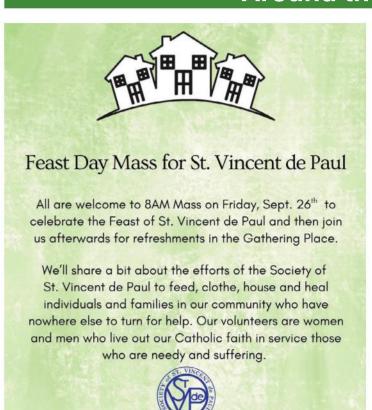
Thank you to all our friends of the SVDP



Grandparent and Alumni Mass

We're excited to welcome all grandparents and alumni to our All-School Mass on Wednesday, September 24 at 8:00 AM, celebrated during SMGGivesDays to benefit the SSEF! Come celebrate faith, family, and tradition with our school and parish community, then join us in the Gathering Place for a reception with donuts, coffee, and great conversation. Let's honor the special role grandparents and alumni play in our community—we can't wait to see you there!









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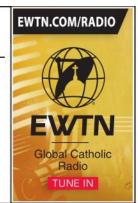
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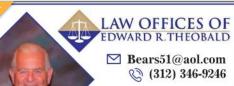
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