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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

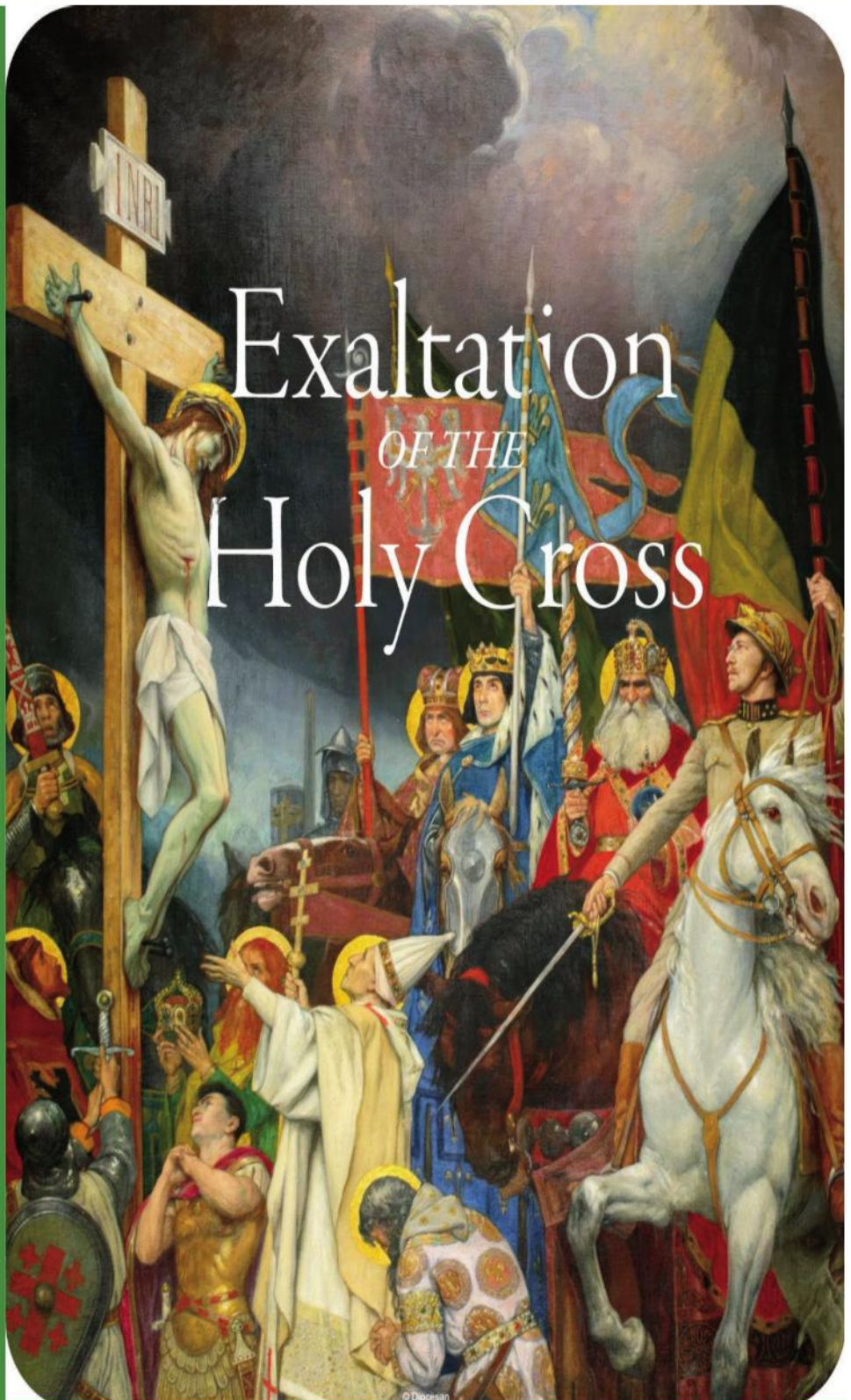
New Parishioners

We encourage you to register

in person at the Parish Office or

register online through our

website, www.stmarygostyn.org



Exaltation of the Holy Cross | September 14, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Monday, September 15th
8:00 am† Peter Guenzer & Annette Martel

Tuesday, September 16th
8:00 am† Kelly McHugh Walter

Wednesday, September 17th
8:00 am† Ellen Brannigan

Thursday, September 18th
8:00 am† Kay Selfridge
† Edith Santiago

Friday, September 19th
8:00 am† Kathy Berg

Saturday, September 20th
4:00 pm† Rita Finnegan

Sunday, September 21st
8:00 am† Eugene & Irene Mersch
10:00 am† Angeline Prince
12:00 pm People of the Parish
6:00 pm† Alfonso Procopio Pizzo

Prayers for the Sick

Jason Malkowski	Patricia Finn
Skip Castaldo	Mary Kern
Philip Kern	Kenneth Boese
John HejnyG	inger Jurish
Anna Bandur	Patricia Kangas
Marie Rossi	Donald Ulrich
Noreen Fitzgerald	Dolores Ronaldson
Vincent Barbaro	Lauren Dempsey
Mary Miraglio	Eliza Skipworth
Frank & Buddy Davis	Mike Kern
Gloria Caracello	Jan Pietka
Garry Kornack	Lauren Marshall
Joseph Leto	Frances Mchaffey
Stephanie Rodriguez	Jim Mchaffey
Julie Worch	Lois Bach
Sue Conrad	Sharon Kling
Karen Swanson	Nick Affatato
Dorothy Troost	Patricia Arbuthnot
Melvin Smith	Susan L. Aparicio
Reenie DeMay	Jerry Benish
Laura Davidson	Bonnie Hagen
Scott Melrose	Michael Carbon
Mary Mayer	Gail Earley
Sarah Szczypkowski	Larry Szmurlo
Ann Marie Jussick	Koka Haralambos
John Saniat	John McCarthy
Shirley Twardzik	George B. Metzger
Jeff Michniuk	Daniel Kozar
Matt Selfridge	

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.
Helen Dudas

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Jon & Alexandri Urback
Marc & Marison Tompkins

Baptism

The following child was baptized on Sunday, September 7, 2025

Benjamin Chiampas son of Thomas & Amy Chiampas

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St. Vincent dePaul Society.....(630)969-1068

Monday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Adult Faith Formation

Jesus Gave Us the Greatest Bible Study of All Time

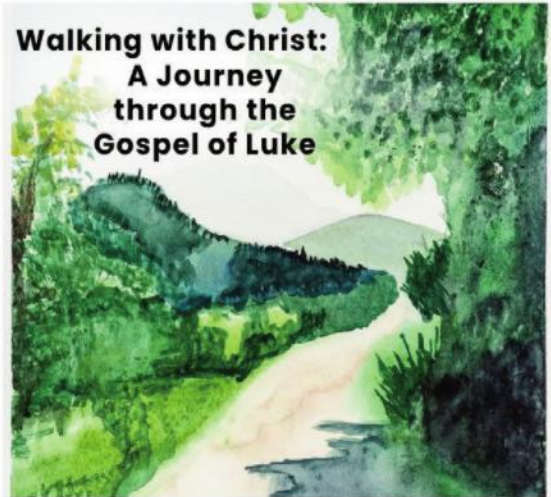
For a Lifetime of Spiritual Growth. St. Mary's Cafe will shed new light on sacred Scripture, helping you more deeply understand Christ and His Church. By engaging the mind and feeding the soul, this time with other women of the parish will help you grow ever closer to Christ. If you've never been to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

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.. We'll unpack the Gospel of Luke and see how each verse ties into the greater story of salvation and how the Holy Spirit is working in your life, just as he did in the life of Jesus.

Thursday mornings, 9AM in the Gathering Place. Registration is helpful, see online for more details and registration.

Begins this Thursday!

Walking with Christ: A Journey through the Gospel of Luke



Build the Kingdom



God speaks in the
Silence.
Saint Mother Teresa

Adore

Holy Hour of Adoration

Our lives are filled with a lot of noise with busy schedules and to-do lists, social media and cell phones. We invite you to take a break on Tuesday evening. Come to a place where we can listen with the ears of our hearts to the voice of God in prayer, be renewed and transformed.

Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, prayers and reflection, as well as opportunity for individual confession.

Tuesday, September 16 at 7PM in Church

Made for Greatness



■ Can One Man Change the World? ■

Understanding the power and purpose of men. St. Mary's Men's Group gathers in a relaxed and casual setting to better understand what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. St. Mary's Men's Group welcomes men 18+ to dive deeper into the faith with 'real' conversations and fellowship. As men embrace the call to pursue heroic virtue, they become better husbands, fathers and leaders.

Monday, September 15 at 7PM in the GP

Around our Parish

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 required to attend only ONE session.
More information to follow.



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/QTRO-h1eDE9E?si=3QZdHRq_ohtyiAE

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The SMG Team



Mrs. Karina Sommer
Preschool 3



Mrs. Michele Pietruszynski
Preschool 4



Mrs. Gina Lewellyan
6th Grade, MS Math



Mrs. Beth Sweeney
STEAM



Ms. Zuraini Rodriguez
Spanish, PS4-5th Grade



Ms. Miriam Serrano
MS Spanish



Mr. Christopher Coster
Music



Mrs. Meg Sullivan
Preschool 3 Inst. Asst.



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!



Around our Parish

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Feast Day Mass for St. Vincent de Paul

All are welcome to 8AM Mass on Friday, Sept. 26th to celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul and then join us afterwards for refreshments in the Gathering Place.

We'll share a bit about the efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn for help. Our volunteers are women and men who live out our Catholic faith in service those who are needy and suffering.



Grief...



support.

Six week session begins
September 25th at 2pm

To register or for more
information,
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