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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

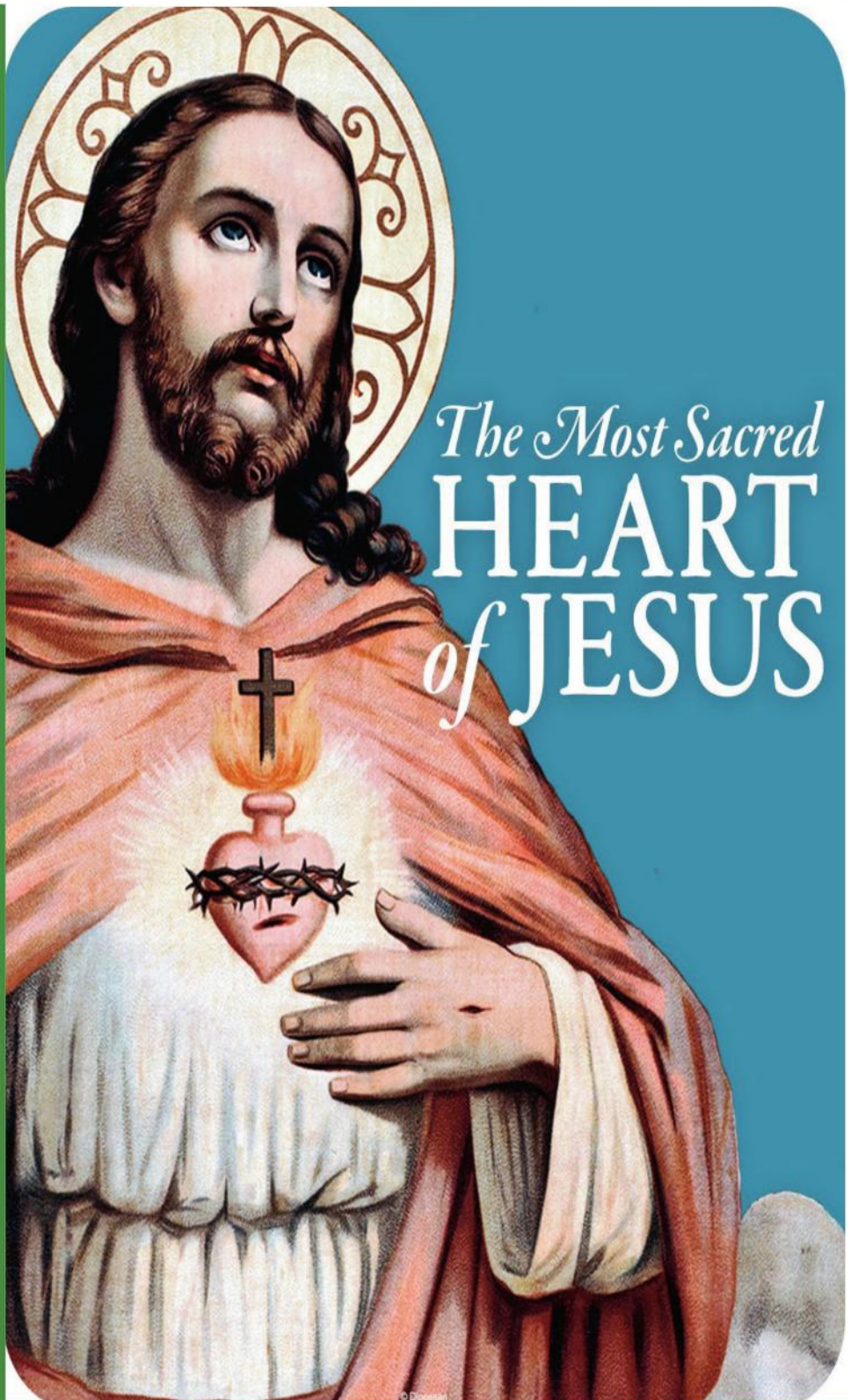
Saturday.....8:30am-9:30am

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sept. 21, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Monday, September 22nd
8:00 am† Ed & Helen Chodorowski

Tuesday, September 23rd
8:00 am† Helen Burek

Wednesday, September 24th
8:00 am† Joseph Cosenza

Thursday, September 25th
8:00 am† Deacon Manuel Guerrero

Friday, September 26th
8:00 am† Patricia Ann O'Dwyer

Saturday, September 27th
4:00 pm† Liam Kollker

Sunday, September 28th
8:00 am† Ellie Brannigan
10:00 am† Kathy Handzlik
12:00 pm† Larry Huene
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
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 Szczepkowski	Larry Szmurlo
Ann Marie Juscik	Koka Haralambos
John Saniat	John McCarthy
Shirley Twardzik	George B. Metzger
Jeff Michniuk	Daniel Kozar
Matt Selfridge	Kathy Larson
Hunter Gomez	Rob Truby, Sr.

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.
Theresa Pevitts

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.
Pat & Kelly Woyna
Dan & Kara Marston

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025
Maxwell Cole Toth son of Michael and Nicole Toth
Maverick Lane Haynes son of Quentin & Holly Haynes
Iris Clíodhna Deely daughter of Daniel & Julie Deely
Katherine Lee Halleran daughter of Daniel & Caitlin Halleran
Rae Marie Janski daughter of Dylan Kruienza & Tara Janski

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

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 21, 2025

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

Monday Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday **Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Adult Faith Formation

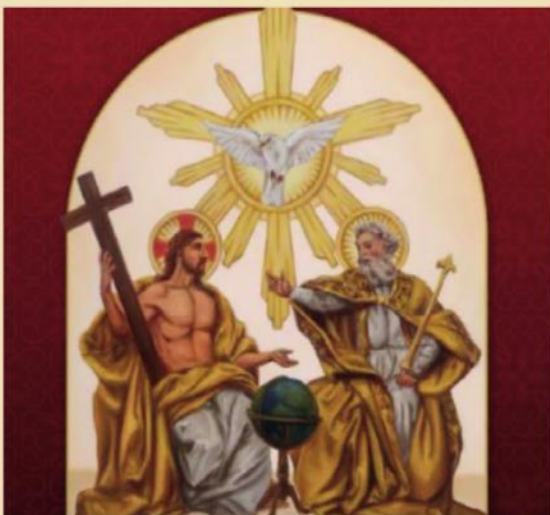
Build Holy Habits

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? What do Catholics actually believe?

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. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Open to all adults.



Discover the Richness of the Catholic faith

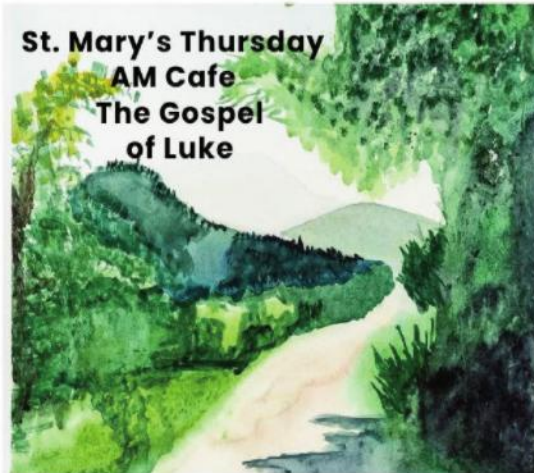
What We Believe

Join in! All parishioners, both men and women, are welcome as we explore the depth and joys of our Catholic faith. These Tuesday evening sessions will use the best-selling study from Ascension Press, *What We Believe*.

We recognize we're all busy adults with families, work and a host of other commitments. This study does not meet every week, so it is incredibly do-able for everyone! Interested? Full schedule available on the website. Or come Tuesday and check it out!

Tuesday, September 23 at 7PM

St. Mary's Thursday AM Cafe The Gospel of Luke



It's not too late! Thursday at 9AM

Discipleship



Made for Greatness

■ Learning to give mercy can be difficult ■

"...to Forgive is the First Step in Learning How to Love God." This next session will help us to embrace our own need for God's mercy and in turn share that mercy with others.

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. All men 18+ are welcome. As men embrace the call to pursue heroic virtue, they become better husbands, fathers and leaders.

Monday, September 22 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

2:30 -5:15 OCT 4
7:30-12:30 OCT 5

The truck will be located at far East end of St Marys Parking Lot

Donations accepted

Clothing, shoes, boots, coats,
Linens, towels, toys, books, games, sports equipment
Small housewares : dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, small working appliances, etc.

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NO LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

NO VACUUMS NO FURNITURE NO BABY EQUIPMENT

See full list of acceptable items at

<https://svdpjolietares.org/>

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Altar Server Training at St. Mary of Gostyn is open to all young people in Grades 5 or above. You may register online at <https://stmarygostyn.org>. Go to Ministries, Liturgical Ministries, click on Sign-Up Here. Please fill out the enrollment form for Ministry Scheduler Pro. In the notes section of the enrollment form please put which session you will attend. Please choose only one session.

Tuesday, October 7 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday, October 14 - 4:30pm - 6:30 pm

Please note that the Ministry Scheduler Pro October schedule will not be live until October 1.

Question email: deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org
For sign up questions: pvena@stmarygostyn.org

Grief...



support.

Six week session begins
September 25th at 2pm

To register or for more
information,
630.969.1063

Around our Parish

A Call to Stewardship Monthly Collection August 2025

Envelope Donations.....\$ 93,250
Online Giving.....\$ 51,878
Total Collection.....\$145,128

Total Collection to Date.....\$263,816
Collection Goal to Date.....\$283,851
Balance over (under).....(\$ 20,035)

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

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Each weekend we continue to add a part of our new Mass of Joy and Peace Mass Setting by Tony Alonso. This weekend we will add the Memorial Acclamation. This video will give you an idea of what to expect. Please enjoy!

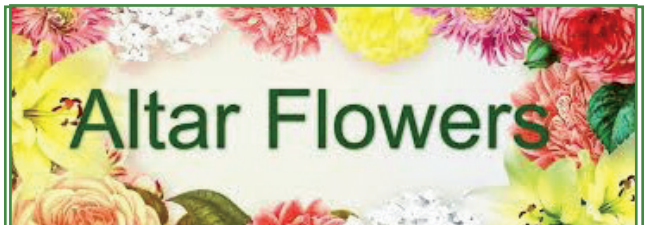
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Children's Liturgy of The Word

10:00 AM Mass

September 21 & 28



The Altar flowers are in celebration of

Sue & Ed Belson
Juliet & Gerry Ibe

50th Wedding Anniversaries

Around our School



Together We Give. Together We Grow.

SMG Gives Days
9.22.25 – 9.26.25



Learn More or Give Today:



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 and School

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.



School News



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