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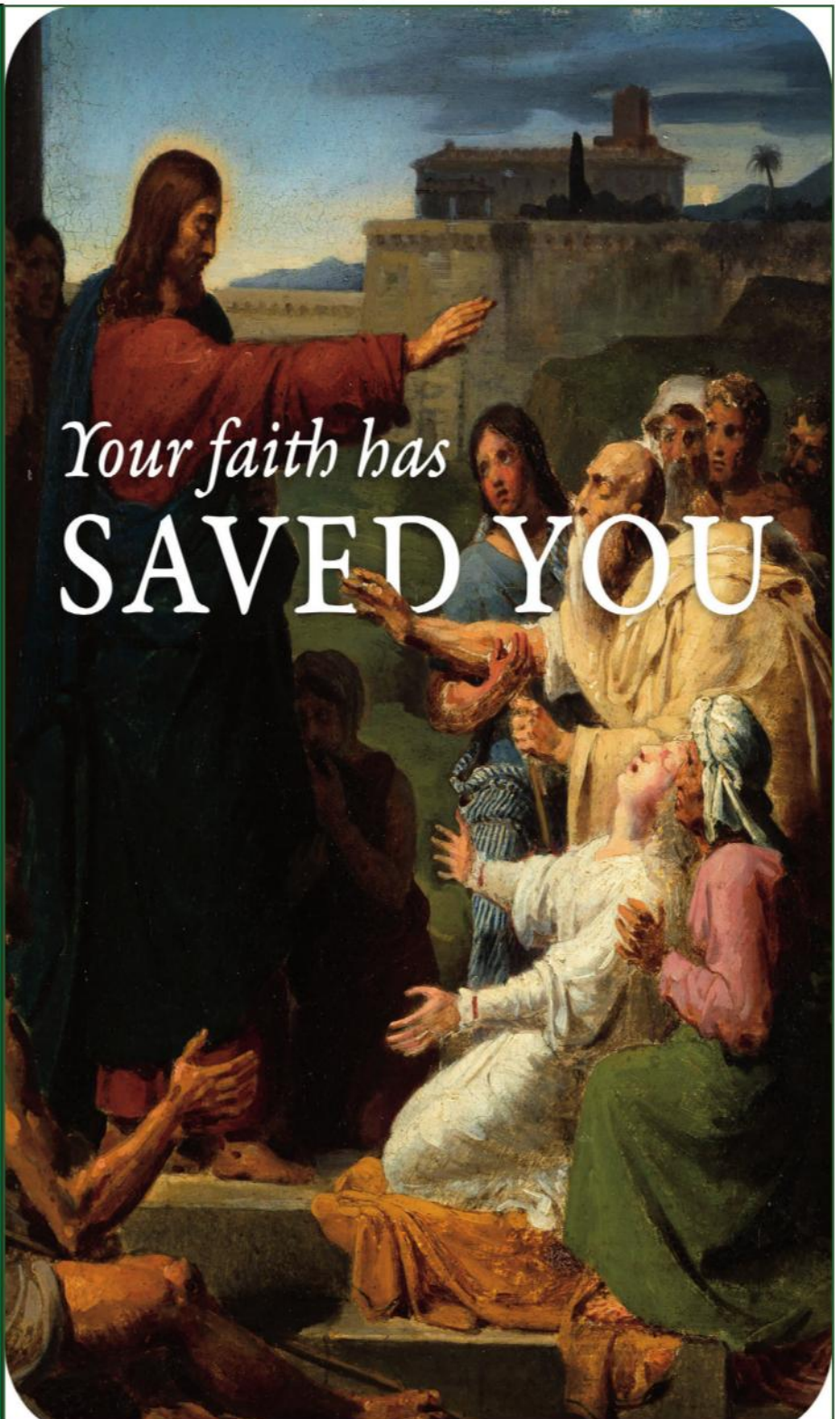
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm

Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 12, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Monday, October 13th
8:00 am† Joseph C. Halac

Tuesday, October 14th
8:00 am† Cal & Lola Rickerd

Wednesday, October 15th
8:00 am† Salvatore Palmisano

Thursday, October 16th
8:00 am† Mary Starczynski
8:00 am† Anna Giannini

Friday, October 17th
8:00 am† John Barranco

Saturday, October 18th
4:00 pm† John Barranco

Sunday, October 19th
8:00 am† Mark Gowgiel
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm† Dr. Victor Krynicki, Jr.
6:00 pm† Michael Collins

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 Dempsy
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 Arbutnot
Melvin Smith	Susan L. Aparicio
Reenie DeMay	Jerry Benish
Laura Davidson	Bonnie Hagen
Scott Melrose	Michael Carbon
Mary Mayer	Gail Earley
Sarah Szcypkowski	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.
Kathleen Tully	Anna Bandur
Sean Bandur	

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 Svoboda
Isabella Czopek
Jack Culligan
Ben Gartlan
Zachary Frana
Aiden Browning

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Dan & Kelli Schumacher
Sean & Nicole Delaney

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.
Jennifer Heit
Remedios Francisco

*If we have died with him
we shall also live with him*

2 Timothy 2:11

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 12, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Monday	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Adult Faith Formation

Notice:

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, there is no St. Mary's Men's Group gathering this week, Monday, October 13th.

The Thursday AM St. Mary's CAFE has a mid-session break this week, so will not meet on Thursday, October 16th.

Next week, both groups will resume at their regularly scheduled place and time.

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks, for this is
the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Joy



Save the Date

Tea's the Season Women's Advent Tea

In the Spirit of Advent, we warmly invite you to a Women's Advent Tea. Take time to focus on the Season with faith and fellowship. Enjoy a traditional tea with sweet treats.

Online registration is opening soon so gather your friends and invite your neighbors—moms, grandmas, friends or neighbors—all are welcome to this delightful afternoon.

Tuesday, December 9, 1PM-3PM

Level Up

Guest Speaker Vince Zaprzal, Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care at Franciscan Village, presents:

Level up: Living with the Spirit's Gifts.

Faith isn't a game—but the Holy Spirit gives you the ultimate power-ups. We'll journey during this Holy Hour to see how the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit play into our lives.



Holy Hour of Adoration

*"God Speaks In The Silence."
Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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 your heart to the voice of God in prayer. Be renewed and transformed.

This Tuesday's Holy Hour will include a guest speaker with prayers and reflections, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction as well as opportunity for individual confession.

We invite you to come for the whole hour or just stop in for ten minutes. Every moment with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is never wasted time! Come!

Tuesday, October 14, at 7PM in Church

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.

Aging with Confidence

Senior Symposium Panel Discussion



Wednesday, November 5th

Doors open 5:30 PM
Panel begins 6:00 PM
in the Gathering Place
Light Refreshments

Registration suggested: On our website or 630.969.1063



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 14 - 4:30pm - 6:30 pm

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

Life: Our Sign of Hope

October is Respect Life Month, a time to recognize the gift of every person's life at every stage and in every circumstance.

The theme for this year's Respect Life month, "Life: Our Sign of Hope," reflects the message of the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth.

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Around our Parish and Diocese



St. Vincent DePaul September Update

A Prayer For The Hungry: "Lord, let us pray for those struggling from hunger and neglect all over the world. May we share and extend our blessings to empower them to flourish

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The food pantry continues to assist close to 40 families each week, totally over 350 individuals. As we enter the fall season, we are registering one – two new families each week. To successfully serve them, help from our St. Mary's community is crucial.

Keeping the pantry stocked in September required volunteers to shop for many items that were low. Our stock is dependent on the generous donation from St. Mary's parishioners. Food and household products are most appreciated and donated cash allows us to purchase items we are low on.

When you do your weekly grocery shopping, please pick up a few items for the pantry. Multiple item deals at the grocery stores allow you to buy one for yourself and donate the other item to the pantry. The most needed items are: cans of vegetables, fruit, soup, prepared can pastas as well as pasta, rice, or potato side dishes and coffee. Coffee is a staple for many of our senior neighbors and requested regularly. Please donate REGULAR SIZE 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.

Clothing Drive THANK YOU!!

Your generous donations of clothes and household items filled our truck! We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support in making a difference.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Our Conference gathered on September 26th for a special Mass in celebration of the feast day of our founder, St. Vincent dePaul, followed by a time of fellowship.

Fr. Shaun shared an inspiring reflection on the life and service of St. Vincent dePaul, reminding us of the importance of generosity and compassion. With the support of our pastor and the kind contributions of our donors, we as volunteers are strengthened in our mission to assist individuals and families in our community.

Afterwards, we joined in the Gatherine Place with other SVDP conferences, as well as, representatives from DuPage County assistance agencies, with whom we occasionally share the financial expense of rent and utilities, to continue our collective mission of assisting families in need.

September Collection Envelope Thank You!

We extend our sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to the special St. Vincent dePaul collection in September. Your generous donations go directly to our local conference, helping us assist families in need within our community. Your support makes a real difference. Thank you for living out the Gospel through your kindness and compassion.

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

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Around our Parish and Diocese

Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, **MAKE**, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.



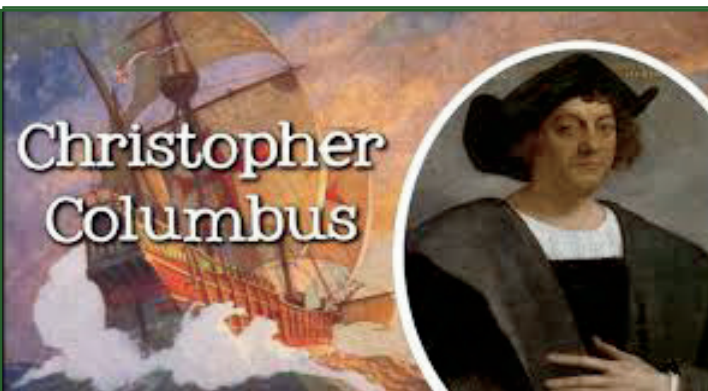
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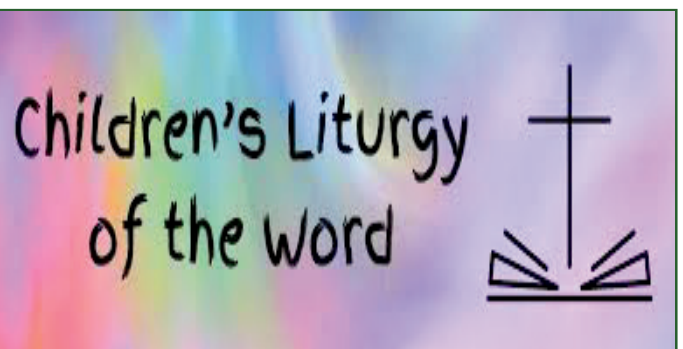
A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the **Diocese of Joliet**

Bishop Hicks has written a new pastoral letter called **MAKE**! Its title comes from the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples." In this letter, he offers us a practical roadmap for living our faith through conversion, confession, communion, and commission, all rooted in prayer. We invite you to read **MAKE**! (QR code above or visit www.diojoliet.org), pray with it, and take one small step to put it into action so that together we can be a Church alive, thriving, and centered on Jesus Christ.



Christopher Columbus Day

The Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will
be closed on October 13th Christopher
Columbus Day



10:00 A.M. Mass

October 26
November 9 & 30

Around Our Parish, School and Diocese

School News



2nd Graders Make Rosaries

Recently, our SMG second graders each made a rosary to use throughout the school year. The rosaries will also be blessed. This was an excellent cross curriculum lesson of Math and Religion.



The students are very excited to pray on these rosaries and continue to develop their faith this year. Thank you to the parents who helped the students make their beautiful rosaries.

4th Graders Have a Moses Moment

In 4th grade Religion class, the students recreated the Ten Commandments while standing in front of Mt. Sinai.

The words of God were engraved on stone tablets and SMG 4th graders read out each of the Commandments for the people to follow.



Join us for our Open House

Sunday, October 19 1:00 - 3:00 PM

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