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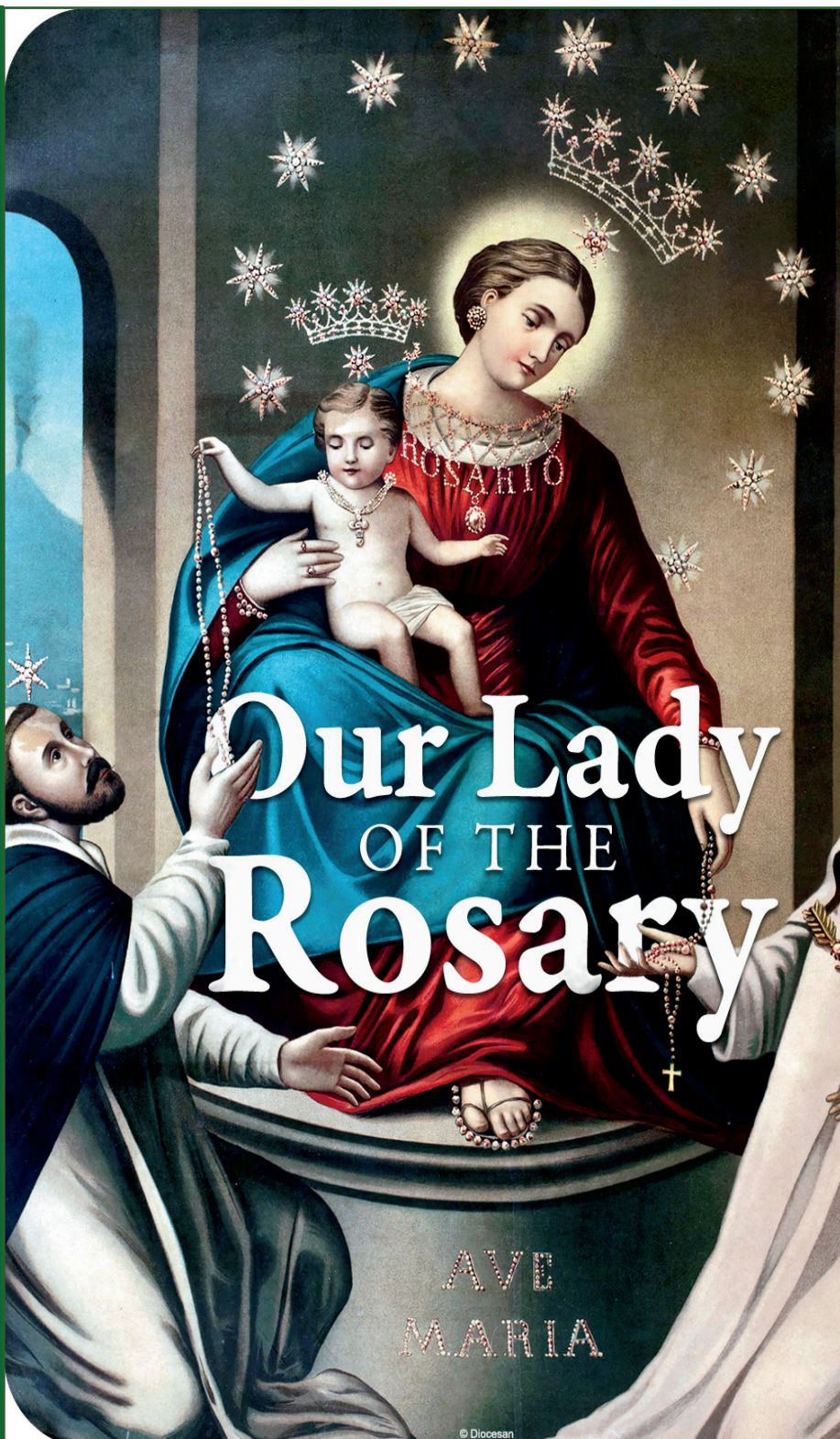
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Mass Schedule  
Saturday Vigil for Sunday  
4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am  
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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](http://www.stmarygostyn.org)



**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, October 19, 2025**

# Prayer Ministry I Staff

**Monday, October 20th**  
8:00 am† Anna Giannini

**Tuesday, October 21st**  
8:00 am† Thomas Sullivan  
† Leticia Diaz

**Wednesday, October 22nd**  
8:00 am† Connor Peckhart

**Thursday, October 23rd**  
8:00 am† Barb LeBreton

**Friday, October 24th**  
8:00 am† Tommy DeLorenzo

**Saturday, October 25th**  
4:00 pm† Dorothy Miriani  
† Kathleen T. Michniuk

**Sunday, October 26th**  
8:00 am† Frank & Martha Fetta  
10:00 am† John Barranco  
12:00 pm People of the Parish  
6:00 pm† Carol Leveillee

## Prayers for the Sick

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Jason Malkowski     | Patricia Finn     |
| Skip Castaldo       | Mary Kern         |
| Philip Kern         | Kenneth Boese     |
| John Hejny          | Ginger Jurish     |
| Patricia Kangas     | Marie Rossi       |
| Donald Ulrich       | Noreen Fitzgerald |
| Dolores Ronaldson   | Vincent Barbaro   |
| Lauren Dempsey      | Mary Miraglio     |
| Eliza Skipworth     | Mike Kern         |
| Frank & Buddy Davis | Gloria Caracello  |
| Jan Pietka          | Garry Kornack     |
| Lauren Marshall     | Joseph Leto       |
| Frances Mchaffey    | Jim Mchaffey      |
| Stephanie Rodriguez | 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        |
| Sarah Szcypkowski   | Gail Early        |
| 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         | Robert Jaskula    |
| Laura Marcantonio   |                   |

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

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.  
Larry Szmurlo  
Joannie Barth

## Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn:  
Frank Sternard  
Rex Miller

## Baptism

The following children were baptized Sunday, October 12, 2025.

**Giovanni Robert Pecora** son of Anthony & Jennifer Pecora  
**Violet Theisinger** daughter of Nick & Kristen Theisinger  
**Camilla Cascio** daughter of Samuel & Angelica Cascio

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## Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 19, 2025

|           |                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8           |
| Monday    | Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21                                                                |
| Tuesday   | Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38                                               |
| Wednesday | Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48                                                                   |
| Thursday  | Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53                                                                    |
| Friday    | Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59                                                          |
| Saturday  | Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9                                                                     |
| Sunday    | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14 |

# Adult Faith Formation

## Made for Greatness

### The Virtue of Love

Love = willing the best for the other. "Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). "The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity...Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love" (CCC 1827).

**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, October 20, at 7PM*

## Love



## Too Busy NOT To Pray

### Holy Hour of Adoration

Ever feel tired, overworked or a little stressed out? When Mother Teresa's nuns were busy, she suggested they spend an extra hour before the Blessed Sacrament. It is only from Jesus that we draw our strength. Too busy not to pray!

Each Holy Hour features time for prayer, contemplation, reflection and silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend an hour with our Lord and Savior, and come away refreshed and reinvigorated. Opportunity for individual confession throughout the evening.

*Tuesday, October 21, at 7PM*

## Aging With Confidence

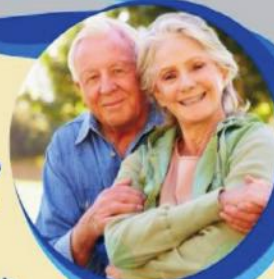
### Senior Symposium Panel Discussion

An evening for seniors, their family and caregivers to explore available resources and identify needs during the aging process.

### Aging with Confidence

#### Senior Symposium Panel Discussion

*Wednesday, Nov 5th*



## Recognizing Evolving Concerns

### at Different Times in the Journey

Join us for a panel of experts discussing the process of navigating aging and the needs we face at various times. The panel will explore the finances involved, the legal documents required, senior living alternatives, home care options, and how to get your home ready for sale and the downsizing process. Once a plan has been put into place, we feel better equipped with a sense of control over our life transitions.

Doors open at 5:30PM for attendees to view the various resources and connect with the organizations and services who can assist with aging-related needs.

Wednesday, November 5th  
Doors open 5:30 PM  
Panel begins 6:00 PM  
Light Refreshments

Registration required either online at [www.stmarygostyn.org](http://www.stmarygostyn.org) or call 630.969.1063.

*Wednesday, November 5th*

# Around our Parish

## A Call to Stewardship

Monthly Collection  
September 2025

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Envelope Donations.....       | \$ 98,479 |
| Online Giving.....            | \$ 47,568 |
| Total Collection.....         | \$146,047 |
| Total Collection to Date..... | \$409,863 |
| Collection Goal to Date.....  | \$410,007 |
| Balance over (under).....     | (\$ 144)  |

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## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

There will be a collection for World Mission Sunday this Sunday. The basket will be passed one time only.



### SMG Children's Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the SMG Children's Choir have begun, but it's not too late to join!

**Open to singers in grades 2-8**, regardless of school.

**Rehearsal Schedule:** Wednesdays, 5:45 - 6:15 PM.

The Children's Choir sings at the 10 AM Choir Sunday Mass once a month, along with special performances on **Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday**.

We also welcome **Pre-K to 1st grade singers** to join our Littlest Angels Choir in November and December, and perform on Christmas Eve!

**For more information and to register, please contact:**

Erin Lawrence, Music Director, [elawrence@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:elawrence@stmarygostyn.org)

Children's Liturgy  
of the Word



**10:00AM Mass**

**October 26  
November 9 & 30**

## St. Vincent de Paul

### Food Pantry News

Thanks to all who donate to the Food Pantry.



**Most Needed Item of the Week This Week: Dish Detergent**

Monthly our pantry neighbors are provided a bottle of dish detergent. Our stock needs to be replenished to provide a bottle of dish detergent to each family. Regular size items are best for distribution and for pantry storage.

# Around our Parish

## Trunk-or-Treat and Chili Cook Off



We are thrilled to invite you to be part of a **brand-new SMG tradition - the inaugural Chili Cook-Off & Trunk-or-Treat**, happening on **Sunday, November 2, from 2:30-4:30PM!** This exciting event will kick off Gala season and bring our entire school community together for food, fun, and fall festivities.

**Here's how you can join the celebration:**

### **Enter Your Chili**

- Families are invited to put their best chili recipe to the test in this fun and friendly competition. The winning chef will earn the title of "Best SMG Chili".

### **Enjoy Truck-or-Treat**

- Alongside the cook-off, our Trunk-or-Treat will bring Halloween fun for the whole family, with decorated cars, candy, and community spirit.

[Sign up for the event here](#) or email Gabriella Senese Burns at [gsenenese-burns@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:gsenenese-burns@stmarygostyn.org) with any questions.

All Saints  
November 1  
&  
All Souls  
November 2



All Saints' Day (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) Mass, Sat. Nov. 1st, 10:00am

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) with names read, Sat.  
Nov. 1st, 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, regularly scheduled Masses, are for all the faithful departed.

# 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.



MAKE.diojoliet.org



# MAKE

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](http://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.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

—James Field



# Around Our Parish

*When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?*




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