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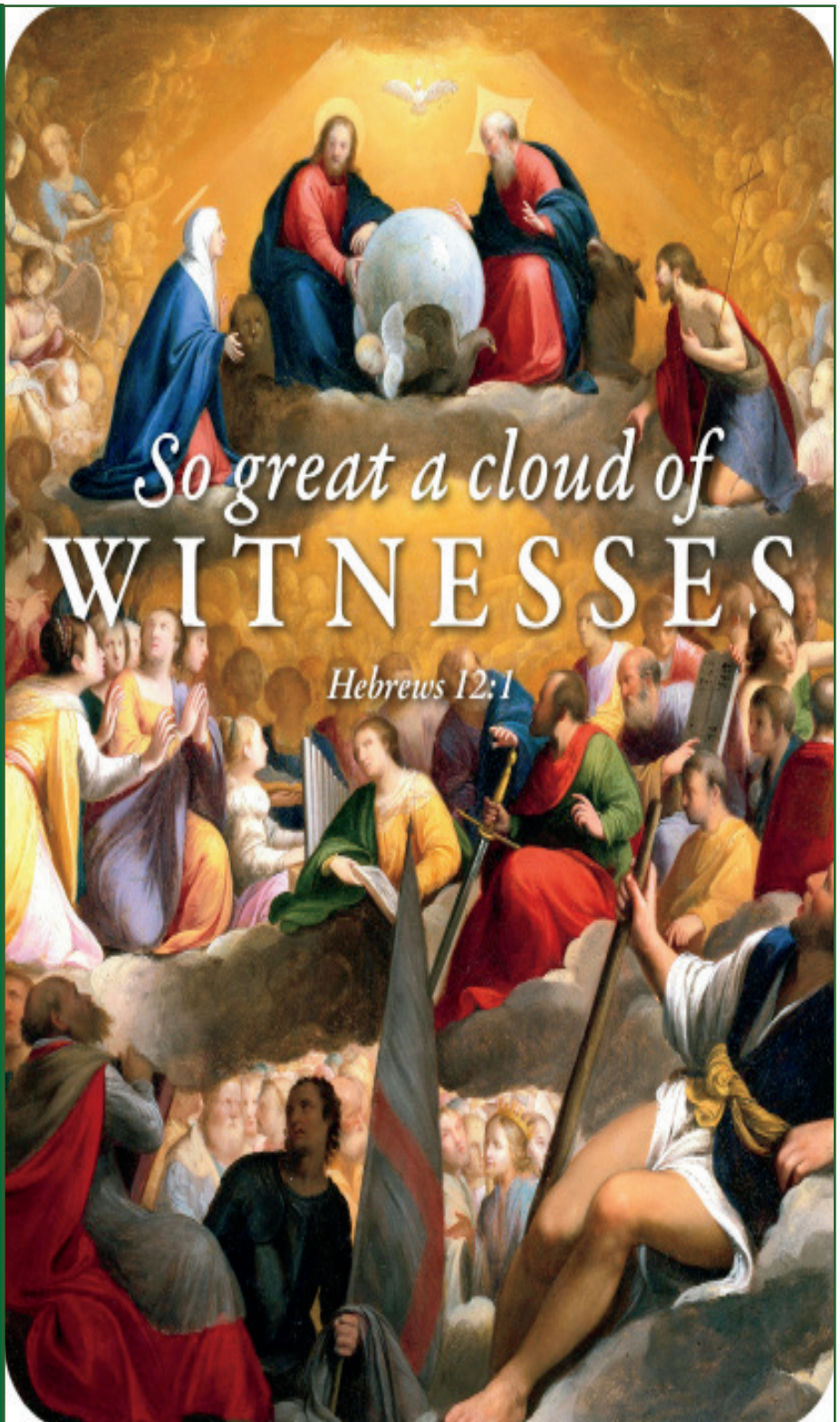
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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



Feast of All Souls
Sunday, November 2, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Monday, November 3rd
8:00 am† Betty Kolpa

Tuesday, November 4th
8:00 am† John Francis LaCognata

Wednesday, November 5th
8:00 am† Patricia Bruno
Eileen Fitzgerald

Thursday, November 6th
8:00 am† deceased members of the
Edward & Anna Starczynski Family

Friday, November 7th
8:00 am† Jim Shannon

Saturday, November 8th
4:00 pm† Krzysztof Matyja

Sunday, November 9th
8:00 am† Margaret Lally & Ronald
Francis Reszel
10:00 am† Angeline Prince & Joannie
Degan Barth
12:00 pm† Betty Kolpa
6:00 pm People of the Parish

Prayers for the Sick

Jason Malkowski	Patricia Finn
Skip Castaldo	Mary Kern
Philip Kern	John Hejny
Ginger Jurish	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	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
Kenneth Boese	Robert McMahon
Sue Gowgiel	Michelle Deaton
Tony Ramazzotto Jr.	Jack Egan

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:
John & Paige Anderson

Baptism

The following children were baptized
Sunday, October 26, 2025.

Angel Flores son of
Luis Pacindo & Ana Paola Rangel
Lucia Valeria Farrell daughter of
Sean & Erica Farrell
Michael James Cotiguala son of
James & Meg Cotiguala
Lainey Mae Thibault daughter of
Cody & Anne Thibault
Cora Marie Barsella daughter of
Adam & Rchel Barsella
Harper Jeune Keefe daughter of
Conrad & Megan Keefe

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 2, 2025

Sunday	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Monday	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2,3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Adult Faith Formation

I believe in One Lord

Jesus Christ

In the next episode of *What We Believe*, we continue our exploration of the Trinity, probing the rich treasures of our faith to grasp an understanding of the Second Person of the Trinity, God the Son.

In Jesus, fallen man is reconciled to God the Father. From the Fall of our first parents in Genesis, throughout the Old Testament, God is preparing His people for the coming Messiah. Annunciation, Incarnation, Redemption, Paschal Mystery – all foundational truths of our faith which help deepen our appreciation, and experience of, a Father's love.

All are welcome: Deepen your faith and grow in relationship with Jesus.

Tuesday, November 4, at 7PM

Believe



Holy Hour of Adoration

Guest Speaker
Fr. Jim Schwab

An Evening with Christ:

Adoration & the Benedictine Rule

Spend time in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The time together will include a reflection on the Benedictine Rule. Discover timeless wisdom and practical guidance for spiritual growth with St. Benedict's Rule which shaped monastic life and inspired countless individuals for over 1500 years. These ancient principles will enrich your daily life and deepen your faith journey. Whether you are familiar with Benedictine Spirituality or curious to learn more, this evening offers a unique chance to grow in faith.

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

Tuesday, November 11 at 7PM in Church

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



Navigate the aging process

Expert insights to help navigate the needs faced at various times, including finances, legal, downsizing and more...

Kerry Quirin

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and more!

Wednesday, November 5th

Doors open 5:30 PM

Panel begins 6:00 PM

Light Refreshments

Registration is required either online at www.stmarygostyn.org or call 630.969.1063.

Wednesday, November 5th in the GP

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 gsenese-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 of all the deceased funerals at our Parish this year, Sat. Nov. 1st, 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Nov. 2nd, regularly scheduled Masses, are for all the faithful departed.

Around Our Parish and Diocese

Anointing of the Sick within the Mass

The first
grace of
this
Sacrament
is one of

—
**strengthening
peace
courage**

**Sunday, Nov. 9
at 8:00AM Mass**



Seminarian Education Endowment Fund

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit has blessed the Diocese of Joliet with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 27 men in seminary formation, which costs \$53,900 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has established this second collection.

The second collection for this fund will take place on the weekend of Nov. 8-9. The basket will be passed one time only. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, use your smart phone to scan this QR code:



Save the Date

TEA'S THE SEASON

WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA

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

All women welcome:
moms, grandmas, friends &
neighbors!

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 9TH
1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Registration is necessary to
best prepare. Register on
the website or call
630.789.8460

*This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice
in it and be glad. Psalm 118:24*



Christmas Presents for Kentucky

Since 1986, St. Mary of Gostyn has generously provided Christmas presents for children in Appalachia. As we have done in the past few years, we ask that if you would like to receive a name, or would like more information, please email us at ltministry1@gmail.com or call Deacon Al at 630-969-1063 ext. 704 or Nancy Babel 630-852-2692. If you do send an email, please include your full name, the number of children you wish to buy for, your phone number, and mailing address.

The gift of new clothing consists of a pair of jeans, socks, underwear, a winter hat, and a shirt or sweatshirt. For some of the children this may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

The gifts may be dropped off at the Parish Center, 445 Prairie Avenue, between 9:00AM-4:00PM Tuesday, November 18 through Friday, November 21 to Deacon Al's attention. We will also be collecting the presents at 5817 Webster in Downers Grove on Sunday, November 23 from 9:30AM-12:00PM. Thank you for your continued support.



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), 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.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.

Pearl Tristano

Mary Jo Furgal

Rose Marie Miervwinski

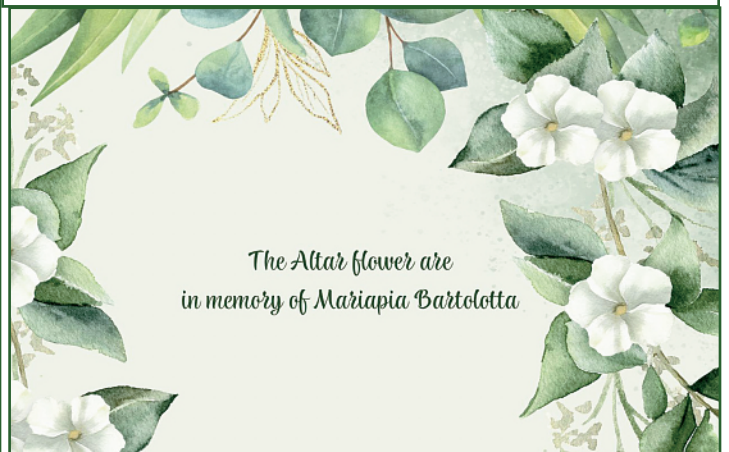
Mark Volin

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00AM Mass
November 9 & 30



The Altar flower are
in memory of Mariapia Bartolotta



Around our Parish

Adopt-A-Family is a Christmas outreach program for needy families. For more than 35 years this program has provided Christmas gifts and dinner for 100+ families. Typically, we have about 40 families from the Downers Grove area and 60 families from our sister parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Joliet. To participate, your family will purchase a Christmas gift valued at a minimum of \$30 for each member of a needy family. Each adopt-a-family provides a "wish" list to St. Vincent de Paul. You can either provide all the food necessary to prepare a Christmas dinner or grocery gift cards for one meal.

We welcome extended families, school groups, Religious Education classes, scout troops, office groups, and neighbors to participate in this wonderful opportunity.

How to Get Involved

First consider the size of the family that you would like to adopt. Family sizes available for adoption range from a single person up to families of 10 or more.

Sign up will be by email or telephone.

To sign up, please email Cathy and Ihor Hlohowskyj at Ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net or call (or text) 630-290-3447.

Once you've signed up, information about your adopted family will be provided either by email and/or mail.

Sign up: Beginning Nov 1 until all families are adopted
Gift drop off: Saturday, Dec 6 from 8-10AM at SMG
 (Early drop-off dates will be available upon request)



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