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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



Our Lady of the Rosary

PRAY FOR US

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

Prayer Ministry I Staff

Monday, October 27th
8:00 am† Joseph J. Jacksa
Remedios Cruz Francisco

Tuesday, October 28th
8:00 am† James Kerner

Wednesday, October 29th
8:00 am† Michael Collins

Thursday, October 30th
8:00 am Nokhi Sahah (Living)

Friday, October 31st
8:00 am† Diane Main

Saturday, November 1st
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 2nd
8:00 am† Kelly McHugh Walter
10:00 am† Angeline Prince
12:00 pm† Jeff Spratt
6:00 pm† Felicitas Abong

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
Frances Mchaffey	Joseph Leto
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

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
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Aiden Browning

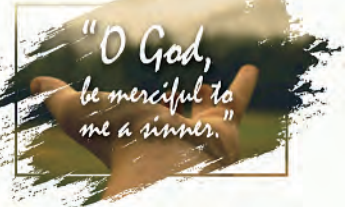
Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.
Craig Lewis
Andrew Lally

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn:

Blake & Mia Swinehart
Nicholas & Claire Cosentino
Christopher & Susan Bannon
Daniel & Allison Wenclawski



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Scripture Readings
For the Week of October 26, 2025

Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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
Monday	Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13: 10-17
Tuesday	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday	Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Solemnity of All Saints Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
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

Adult Faith Formation

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The Virtue of Courage

What does the virtue of courage look like for a man in today's world? Do you let fear dictate your life, or do you trust in God? The virtue of courage helps us face difficult circumstances and remain strong in pursuing what is good, and true, and right.

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 27, at 7PM

Courage



I believe in one God *the Father almighty...*

Over the next few weeks, our *What We Believe* study will explore one of the biggest and most central mysteries of our faith – the Trinity. The 'oneness' of God expressed as three divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God is rightfully called "Father" first and foremost because of the relationship with his Son, Jesus Christ. And, it reflects the relationship he desires to have with us, his sons and daughters.

Beginning with Creation we'll see how God created out of chaos for a loving relationship, and the Fall inserts disobedience to that relationship. Join us for this first session on the Trinity.

Tuesday, October 28, 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 or call 630.969.1063.

Wednesday, November 5th

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

Around our Parish and Diocese

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




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:



How to Build a Culture of Life

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and

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that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

Read the full version at respectlife.org/culture-of-life.

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**St. Vincent dePaul
Food Pantry Needs**

Most Needed Item of The Week This Week: Cans of pears, mixed fruit or fruit cocktail. A regular item offered in the pantry's prepared bags is canned fruit. Currently we really could use cans of pears, mixed fruit or fruit cocktail. The pantry has a large supply of canned peaches, but our neighbors do enjoy other fruits. Regular size items are best for distribution and for pantry storage.

Pantry donations are accepted on **Wednesdays from 8AM to 11AM** or use the **Food Barrels at the Church entrances when you attend Mass**. Thanks for your help and 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

—James Field



Around Our Parish



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.



School News

SMG Students Celebrate 6th Grade Bible Mass

During September, 52 sixth graders, along with 2 other middle school students were presented with Bibles during a special Mass. The 6th Grade Bible Mass is a cherished tradition at St. Mary's, with new students in the upper grades also



taking part in the celebration. Fr. Dandu blessed the Bibles and presented them individually to each student with the words, "God bless you." This event highlights the importance of studying the Word of God, a lifelong devotional practice nurtured in every SMG student. We are grateful to the parents who joined us in celebrating this significant milestone.



Deal or No Deal: 5th Graders Enjoy Barter Day

During September, SMG 5th graders got to experience Barter Day. Students created an item to barter and trade with their classmates.

They were also able to share their gifts and talents with their classmates.

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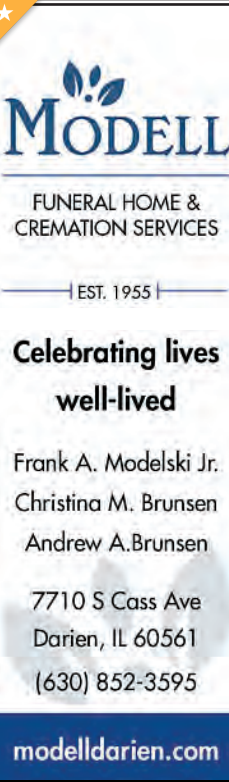


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