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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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 16, 2025

Prayer Ministry | Staff | Parish | Diocese

Monday, November 17th
8:00 am† Mike Shannon
† Virginia Horn

Tuesday, November 18th
8:00 am† Daniel Karmazin

Wednesday, November 19th
8:00 am† Sam & Mary Easterly

Thursday, November 20th
8:00 am† Barb LeBreton

Friday, November 21st
8:00 am† Eileen Fitzgerald

Saturday, November 22nd
4:00 pm† Stanley Blackwell

Sunday, November 23rd
8:00 am† Adeline Giannnoni
10:00 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm† Kathy Berg
6:00 pm† Kathy Berg

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
Lauren Marshall	Garry Kornack
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	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.	Paula Jascot
Annette Caruso	

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

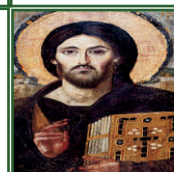
Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, November 9, 2025.
Luca Gerard Pecho son of Anthony & Amy Pecho
Moir Powers daughter of Colin & Kaleigh Powers
Lorelai Lyn Delaney daughter of Sean & Nicole Delaney
Sophia Susan Jenkins daughter of Andrew & Jessica Jenkins

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn:

Annette Hopkins



THE LORD
COMES TO
RULE THE
EARTH
WITH
JUSTICE.

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 16, 2025

Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
Monday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 15/16 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. For more than 50 years, CCHD has helped low-income people address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving “one-size-fits-all” handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower low-income people to make positive impacts in their own communities. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses, and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

When you give to the CCHD collection, you make an impact nationally and at home, because 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese. This way you help your own community build on this legacy of success while also helping communities across the country. Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families. You can find more information on our local CCHD grants at <https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd>.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the national collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty. With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "† Ronald A. Hicks".

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

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Adult Faith Formation

**"The
Holy Spirit
is the
secret
teacher of
souls."**

**Father Jacques
Philippe**

I believe in the Holy Spirit

the Lord, the Giver of Life

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 Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit.

Both the Father and the Son are easily recognized, but we may find it hard to relate to the Holy Spirit. Often the Holy Spirit is the least understood Person of the Blessed Trinity, but nevertheless the Holy Spirit plays an indispensable role in the Church and the Christian life.

This next session will explore our understanding of the Nicene Creed and the Holy Spirit as "the Lord, the giver of life", and what that means to us today, enabling us to be disciples of Christ and to bear courageous witness to him in the world.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7PM in the Gathering Place

Kindness

Cookies with St. Nicholas

Mark Your Calendar

Enjoy cookies, community, and a special visit from Saint Nicholas! His secret generosity and love of children remind us that true gift-giving sees Christ in the poor and the vulnerable.

December 7, after 8 & 10AM Masses



Made for Greatness

St. Mary's Men's Group

Understanding the power and purpose of men. 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. St. Mary's Men's Group welcomes men 18+ to dive deeper into the faith with 'real' conversations and fellowship. As men embrace the call to pursue heroic virtue, they become better husbands, fathers and leaders.

Monday, November 17 at 7PM in the GP

November is National Caregivers Month



Look around, chances are you're standing or sitting by a caregiver. Or, you see one looking back at you in the mirror. There are over 65 million Americans juggling the challenges of life, health, career while caring for an aging, ill or disabled adult or child, whether in town or from a distance. National Family Caregiver Month applauds the heroic dedication of these unpaid caregivers who unceasingly give care with great love. Their dedication means their loved one is blessed by receiving greater dignity, respect and actions centered on quality of life. Thank you.

PADS Gift Card Drive

Faith in Action

Please help the homeless in our community by donating a gift card or two. The gift cards most requested are from Walmart, Jewel, Target, Aldi, Walgreens, Amazon, Dollar Tree, and all types of gas cards. Ideal increments are \$10, \$20 and \$30.

Friday, Nov. 21, 5-6PM in the parking lot.

Around our Parish and Diocese



ACTION ALERT

**Please contact Governor Pritzker to
VETO SB 1950 - Legalizing Assisted Suicide**

At 2:54 a.m. on October 31 the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois.

In Canada where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

**PLEASE CALL GOV. PRITZKER
AND INFORM HIM:**

- People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws.
- Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans.
- There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments.

Go to www.ilcatholic.org for e-mail links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312.814.2121.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day
Mass 9:00AM

Parish Office will be closed Wednesday
at 12:00PM, Thursday, November 27 and
Friday, November 28.

Adoration Chapel will be closed
Thursday, November 27 and Friday,
November 28. Adoration Chapel will
open Monday, December 1 at 8:30AM



*The Altar flowers are
in memory of Marvin Ronaldson
and Esther and Kenneth Boese
Wedding Anniversary*

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

The collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be November 15 & 16. Basket will be passed one time only.

PRESCHOOL, PREKINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

**Tuesday, November 18
@ 6:30pm
SMG Activity Center**



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School News

SMG 4th Grade & Preschool Faith Buddy Fun!

During October, our SMG 4th grade and preschool students participated in a Fall Scavenger Hunt faith buddy activity! The buddies had to work together and be on the lookout for various fall themed items outside, like a pumpkin and different colored leaves. It was a fun activity that allowed the students to interact and get to know each other!



Around our Parish and Diocese

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, an optional cookie exchange and a get-into-the-giving spirit donation to our St. Vincent de Paul outreach and pantry.

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*

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.diojoli.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.

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.diojoli.org



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

Advent/Christmas Schedule

Advent Schedule 2025

Holy Hour

Advent reflection and prayer in presence of
Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, December 2 and 16, 7:00PM
With opportunity for individual confession

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8, 8:00AM, Noon and 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays, December 6, 13 and 20
8:30-9:30AM

Thursday, December 18, 6:30-8:00PM

Adoration Chapel

Adoration Chapel will be closed Tuesday through
Friday, December 23 through December 26
Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1, 2026

Christmas Season Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24
3:00PM in Church and Gym/Activity Center
6:00PM in Church

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25
12:00 Midnight in Church
8:00AM, 10:00AM and Noon in Church

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 27, 4:00PM
Sunday, December 28, 8:00AM, 10:00AM
Noon and 6:00PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31, 4:00PM
Thursday, January 1, 9:00AM

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3, 4:00PM
Sunday, January 4, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, Noon
and 6:00PM

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10, 4:00PM
Sunday, January 11, 8:00AM, 10:00AM, Noon
and 6:00PM



Around our Parish

Adopt-A-Family

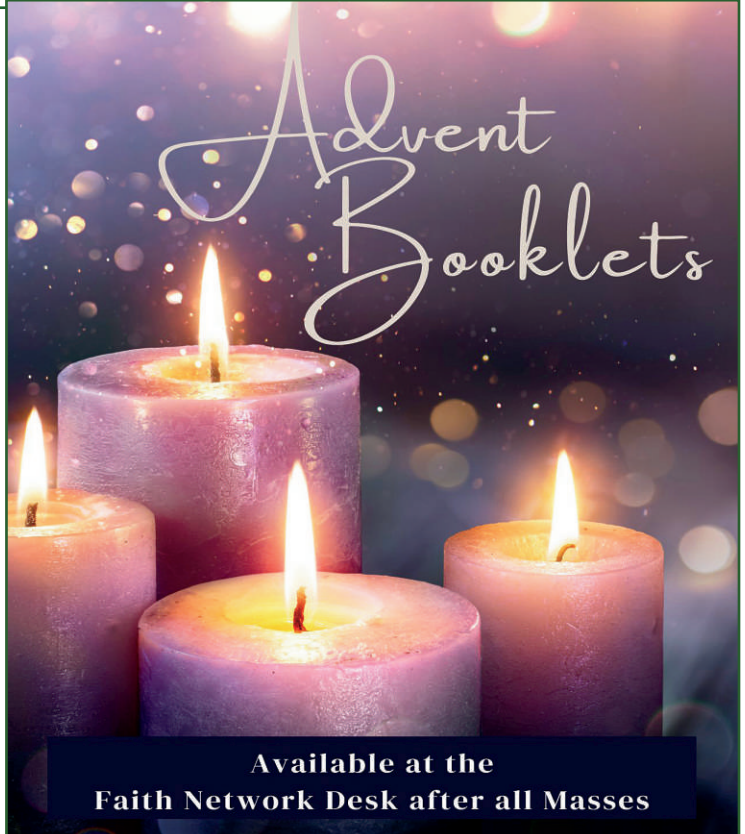
How to Get Involved

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. 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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