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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

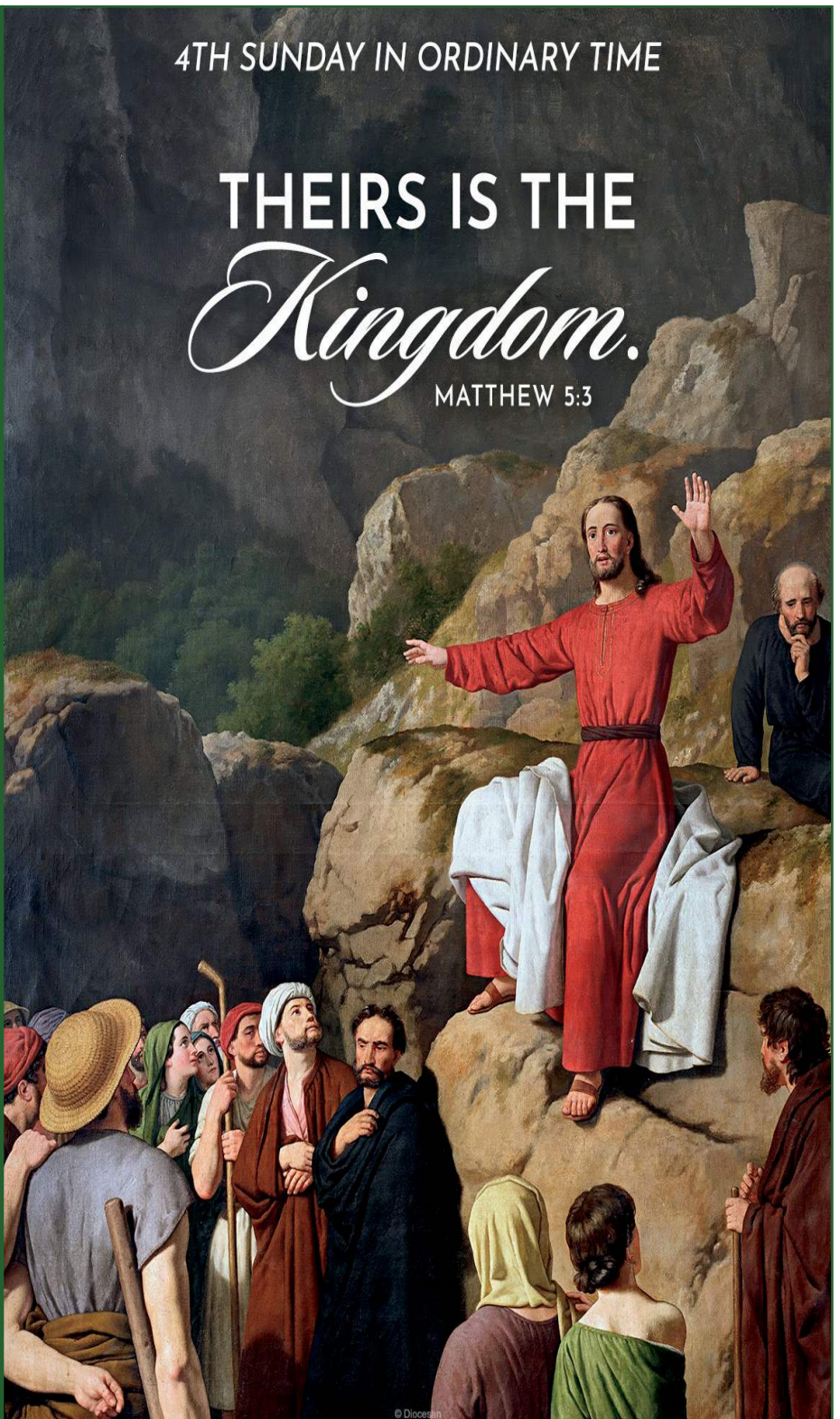
Saturday.....8:30am-9:30am
or by appointment

New Parishioners

We encourage you to register
in person at the Parish Office or
register online through our
website, www.stmarygostyn.org

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEIRS IS THE
Kingdom.
MATTHEW 5:3



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026

Prayer Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, February 2nd
8:00 am† Tom & Dorothy O'Hallaren

Tuesday, February 3rd
8:00 am† Barbara Lenski

Wednesday, February 4th
8:00 am† Francesco & Rosellina Aiello
† Kathy Berg

Thursday, February 5th
8:00 am† Laura Harper

Friday, February 6th
8:00 am† Evelyn Hearne

Saturday, February 7th
4:00 pm† Frances S Rheintgen

Sunday, February 8th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Rosa & Adeline Giannoni
12:00 pm† George Hejny
6:00 pm† Annabelle Adams

Prayers for the Sick

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	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	Jerry Benish
Laura Davidson	Bonnie Hagen
Scott Melrose	Michael Carbon
Mary Mayer	Gail Earley
Sarah Szcypkowski	Ann Marie Juscik
Koka Haralambos	John Saniat
Larry McCarthy	George B. Metzger
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
Konrad Miskowicz-Retz	Annette Caruso
Laura Davidson	Sarah Karmazin
Jerry Benish	Joanne Tulje
Jaroslawn Andrasz	Antonina Andrasz
Lawrence Swartz	Ron Agurkis
Margaret MacDonald	

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 family.

Maxine Milks

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Tom & Anne Healy
Sean & Alyssa Donovan
Paul & Raquel Comes
Paul & Kaila Liguzinski

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Sophia Ann Anderson daughter of John & Paige Anderson
Hattie Margaret Lewandowski daughter of Ian & Catherine Lewandowski

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Scripture Readings
For the Week of February 1, 2026

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
Monday	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Adult Faith Formation

“The Mysteries of Christ’s life are the foundations of what he would henceforth dispense in the sacraments...”

(CCC 1115 quoting Pope Leo the Great)

The Sacramental Life

What We Believe

In the next episode of *What We Believe*, we will seek the riches of the Sacraments. As we explore what each of them is and what they accomplish, we can better understand and appreciate how they are the chief means by which the Lord and giver of life:

- sanctifies and transforms us as sons & daughters,
- feeds us with heavenly manna,
- forgives our sins,
- heals our spiritual infirmities and,
- bears the graces of eternal life in our lives.

This next session will deepen our understanding of the Sacraments and what it means to live a sacramental life today.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7PM in the Gathering Place

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick

within the Mass

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for all who face a serious illness or surgery or who are impaired by old age. One may celebrate the Sacrament many times, if needed, for strength and healing in mind, body and spirit. In this Sacrament of Anointing, Christ strengthens our faith and bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain. Know someone who needs the Sacrament? Invite them to Mass with you.

Anointing of the Sick within the Mass, March 1st, 8AM Mass.

Made for Greatness

St. Mary's Men's Group

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.

St. Mary's Men's Group continues their study on The Bible and the Virgin Mary. This next session will help you understand how the Annunciation connects Mary to other great Old Testament mothers, like Sarah, Rebekah and Hannah. You'll deepen your understanding of reading Scripture with an introduction to typology, salvation history and covenants. And, in Mary's fiat, we find inspiration for our own joy-filled prayers of praise. All men 18+ are welcome.

Monday, Feb. 2 at 7PM in the GP.

Caring for the Caregiver

Nourish for Caregivers

Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 2PM in the GP.

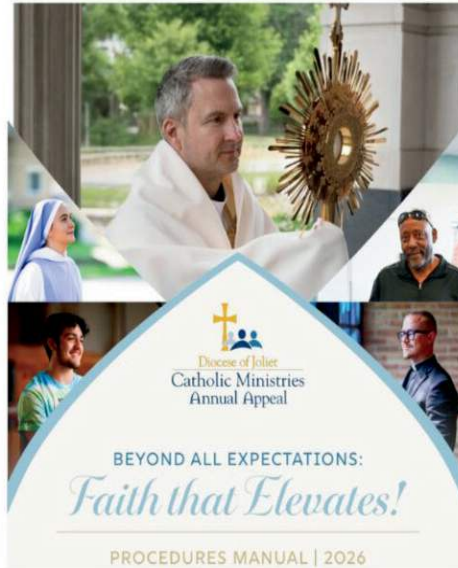
Together with Purpose

Celebrate National Marriage Week

Marriage is not just about sharing a physical life together, but calling each other on to holiness. It is not always easy to keep Christ at the center of your marriage, so pray for the grace to help your spouse to heaven. (USCCB, Daily Marriage Tip)

National Marriage Week is February 7-14.

Around Our Parish



The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference.

This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal is \$146,000. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you most proud of? What do you like to boast about? Were you top of your class in college? Do you work harder than anyone in your office? Everyone likes to have something they are the best at, or at least very good. But it really is kind of silly to base your own worth on what you accomplish. What truly makes us important is that we are loved by God. Our second reading tells how God uses the foolish, weak, or poorest people to shame those who are wise, strong, and wealthy. Why? Because God loves the poor, the weak, the disabled, the homeless just as much as God loves the important people.

And it's not just the external qualities that are important. Some wealthy people have great love for the poor. Some of the best teachers only work with disabled children. Our Gospel on the Beatitudes today makes that clear if you listen carefully. Blessed are not just the poor, but the poor in spirit; not only the hungry, but those who hunger for righteousness. That's what Saint Paul means when he says, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

So how do we get to be "important" to God? Instead of asking God to make my projects a success, I can ask what God wants me to do. And for all the good that you do, remember to thank the Lord.

Tom Schmidt

Around Our Parish



Stones of Legacy: The Golden Ticket Raffle Your Chance to Choose the Legacy You'll Create

Get ready! This year's Golden Ticket Raffle invites you to choose an experience that will become part of your story. Rooted in our *Stones of Legacy* theme, each prize represents a lasting memory built on tradition, adventure, and opportunity. One winning ticket. One unforgettable legacy.

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- \$100 per ticket
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- Sales: Now through February 21
- ***Winner drawn during the Gala event***

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4. 🎓 **One Year of SMG Tuition: Free tuition for one student for the 2026-2027 school year.**

Act Fast — Only 300 Tickets Available! Claim your Golden Ticket and choose the stone you'll add to your legacy.

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February 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm

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Around Our Parish



What does it mean to be Catholic today?




Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.
Augustinian Preaching Ministries


Being a Catholic is more important than ever! Discover why!
Chicago-native Augustinian Father Tom McCarthy is an experienced teacher and parish mission preacher who shares God's love with everyone he meets.



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 **MONDAY, FEB 9TH 7PM**
The Saints: heroes of our faith?
Prayer: is it worth it?

 **TUESDAY, FEB 10TH 7PM**
The Family of Faith - What is my part in being a part of this family?

- ✓ Guest Speaker
- ✓ Father Tom McCarthy, OSA
- ✓ Reception Following
- ✓ Childcare Available



Flu/Illnesses

As Flu cases, other illnesses, and hospitalizations have increased, we kindly ask that if you are sick or experiencing symptoms, please stay home to care for yourself and help protect others. In these circumstances, being absent from Sunday Mass does not affect your Sunday Mass obligation. Please know that you remain in our prayers, and we look forward to welcoming you back when you are well.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



10:00AM Mass
February 1
March 8 & 22



Grief...

Six week session will begin
Feb. 5th at 2:00pm
To register or for more
information call 630.969.1063

support.

*"Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will
be great in heaven".*



Story of a True Martyr

SAINT AGATHA (died 251) February 5

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal were the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

—Peter Scagnelli

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