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School Office

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil for Sunday  
4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am  
12:00pm, 6:00pm

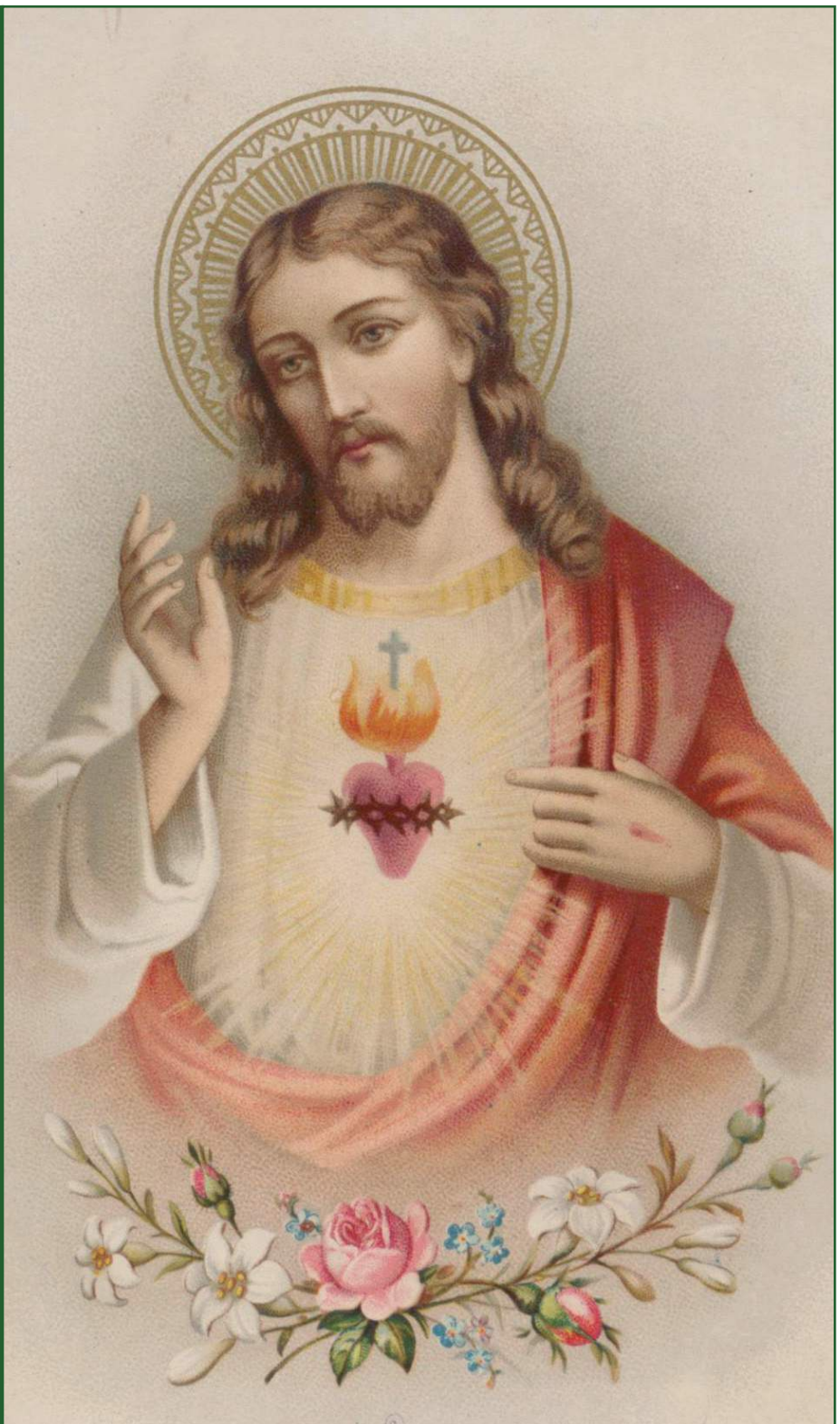
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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)



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 15, 2026

# Prayer Ministry | Staff | Parish

**Monday, February 16th**  
8:00 am† Sandra Drabik & Barbara Saunders

**Tuesday, February 17th**  
8:00 am† Art Stadler

**Wednesday, February 18th**  
8:00 am† Barbara Lenski

**Thursday, February 19th**  
8:00 am† George & Bridget Drobney

**Friday, February 20th**  
8:00 am† Evelyn M. Hearne

**Saturday, February 21st**  
4:00 pm† John Sommer

**Sunday, February 22nd**  
8:00 am† Barbara Lenski & Anne Caprini  
10:00 am† Michael DePrez, Sr.  
12:00 pm† The People of the Parish  
6:00 pm† August B. Arrigo, Jr.

## Prayers for the Sick

Margaret MacDonald    Lawrence Swartz  
Ron Agurkis            Mary Signer  
Bob Toerpe             Carolyn Muehler  
Skip Castaldo         Judy Koczor  
Dan Koczor



## 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.

Deacon Michael Crowell  
Deacon Chuck Woods, Sr.  
Judith Edwards  
Thomas Chang

## Baptism

The following child was baptized Sunday, February 8, 2026.  
**Sarah Jean Reibling** daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Reibling



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For the Week of February 15, 2026

**Sunday**            Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Monday**            Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**            Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**        Ash Wednesday  
Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**            Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**                Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**            Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday**                First Sunday of Lent  
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

# Adult Faith Formation

## The Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Mary's Thursday AM CAFE



The call to pray is urgent. The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary outline the epic battle between good and evil. Jesus Christ enters into the Garden of Gethsemane knowing precisely who He is fighting against and who He is fighting for. Our thoughtful contemplation of Christ's actions teaches us how to engage in the fight against darkness. We live in a time of unprecedented evil. Nothing is more powerful than prayer.

As we begin Lent, our Thursday AM Women's CAFE will explore this seven-episode series highlighting the life of Christ as outlined in the decades of the Rosary. Using video footage filmed on location in the Holy Land, we'll participate in an immersive and contemplative experience which will move prayer from the head to the heart. Encounters with Christ in the episodes and discussions will help lead to an even deeper relationship with Him in personal prayer and contemplation.

More information and registration for this Lenten Women's CAFE study is online. All are welcome!

*Thursday, Feb. 19 at 9 AM in the Gathering Place.*

## Gratitude

### What We Believe

*Participating in the Life of Christ*

**The Sacraments, Part II.** We, as Catholics, need to understand the power, importance and critical nature of living a sacramental life. The Sacraments strengthen, heal and enrich our spiritual journey. As we better understand our faith, we deepen our relationship with Jesus. All are welcome!

*Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7 PM in the GP.*

## Stations of the Cross

*We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You*

The rich tradition of the Stations of the Cross allows us to put ourselves into the story as we too journey to Calvary. See how Lent becomes more significant as the focus is on the Cross and the depth of the Lord's loving response to you, and to today's world.



### Afternoon Stations with the School Students

All are welcome to the afternoon stations with the SMG school students: February 20th, March 6th, March 13th and March 27th.

*Fridays, 1:30 PM in Church.*

### Simple Soup Lunch & Stations

Something new! A simple soup lunch followed by Stations in Church. Registration required online or call the Parish Offices at 630.969.1063.

*Friday, March 13th, Noon in the GP.*

### Stations of the Cross in the Evening

Centered on the Christ, the Station's prayers focus on particular intentions:

Feb. 20: **Praying the Stations of the Cross for Healing** - Personal, hopeful and prayerful-to enrich and support you during this Lenten season.

Feb. 27: **With Saint Pope John Paul II** - these unique Scripture-based Stations help us come to grips of the reality of God's love and mercy.

Mar. 6: **You Have Redeemed the World**, Praying in the Holy Cross Tradition.

Mar. 13: **Stations of the Cross for Seniors** focuses on uniting the physical, emotional, and spiritual trials of aging with Jesus' suffering, offering hope & purpose.

Mar. 27: **The Way of the Cross**, the traditional devotion commemorating Jesus' final moments.

*Fridays, 7 PM in Church.*

# 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 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 reflect on your gift to this year's appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



## SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT OAK TRACE

Are you looking for a way to share your talents? Oak Trace is a retirement living / health facility in Downers Grove located on the 6600 block of Fairview Ave. On Sunday mornings (after the 8am Mass), St Mary's ministers distribute Holy Communion to residents in their health facility and assisted living. We currently have a ministry team who regularly participate but we are in need of more volunteers. The Sunday scheduling commitment would be up to you. It takes between 1 1/2 and 2 hours to visit all the patients/residents. Training will be provided and a Virtus account is a requirement. If you are able to assist or need more information, please email Deacon Bob at [deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org) or leave a message at 630-737-9636. You will then be contacted for additional information and training. There is walking required (you'll get your steps in). Thank you for your consideration. Blessings, Deacon Bob



**Lent Campaign**  
February 18th - March 29th

Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Lent 2026 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 8AM to 6PM beginning Ash Wednesday and ending on March 29th, and bring a friend.

For more information and to sign up, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove). Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

## PRAY TO END ABORTION

**Stations of the Cross**  
7:00PM Friday evenings  
February 20 & 27  
March 13 & 27



# Around Our Parish



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

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.

### Key Details:

- \$100 per ticket
- Only 300 tickets available
- Sales: Now through February 21st
- You do not need to be present to win
- **Winner drawn during the Gala event**

### Choose from Four Extraordinary Legacy Experiences:

1. 🏠 **Smoky Mountain Serenity:** A peaceful 7-night alpine lodge retreat in the Great Smoky Mountains for up to 6 guests.
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4. 🎒 **One Year of SMG Tuition:** Free tuition for one student for the 2026-2027 school year.

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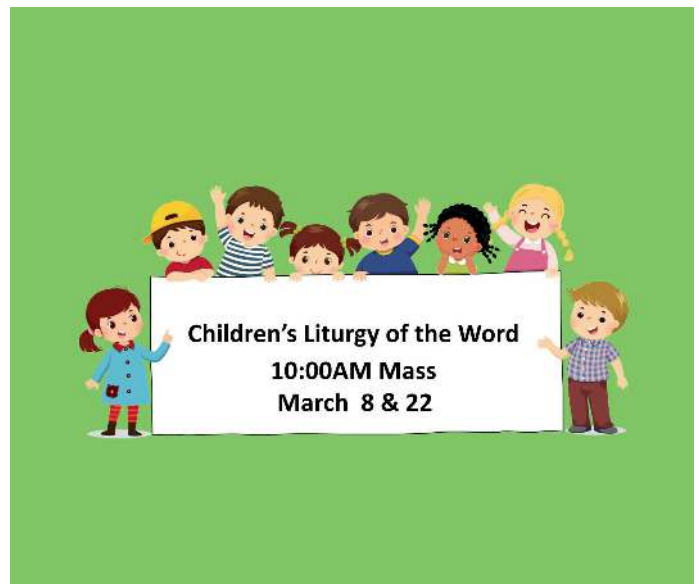


### Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers



### Volunteer opportunity to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Reader

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist in distributing Communion and Readers to proclaim God's Word at our 12 Noon and 6 PM Masses ONLY. One must be a registered parishioner of St. Mary's, age 16 or older, and a fully initiated Catholic (having received their sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). If you feel that God is calling you, and if you have the gift to fulfill one of these ministries, please contact Pat Vena for more information.  
[pvena@stmaryofgostyn.org](mailto:pvena@stmaryofgostyn.org)



# Around Our Parish

## Parish Mission

*Thank you*

Thank you to all the parish and school ministries who came together for our parish mission. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Nourish for Caregivers, Homebound Ministers of Care and Grief Support for hosting hospitality each evening. Thank you to our Confirmation Students for assisting with child care. Thank you too to all the parishioners who attended each evening.

And, finally, thank you to Father Tom McCarthy. We are grateful for his leading us during this time of renewal as we begin our Lenten journey. We are grateful that Father Tom was able to speak to our Middle School students. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit breathe into our parish, equipping us as disciples, to make disciples, sent out on mission, witnessing to the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus.



**President Day  
Monday, February 16th**

In observance of President Day, the Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026.

## A Call to Stewardship Monthly Collection January 2026

Envelope Donations.....	\$ 90,609
Online Giving.....	\$ 49,299
Total Collection.....	\$139,908
Total Collection to Date.....	\$982,275
Collection Goal to Date.....	\$946,170
Balance over (under).....	\$ 36,105

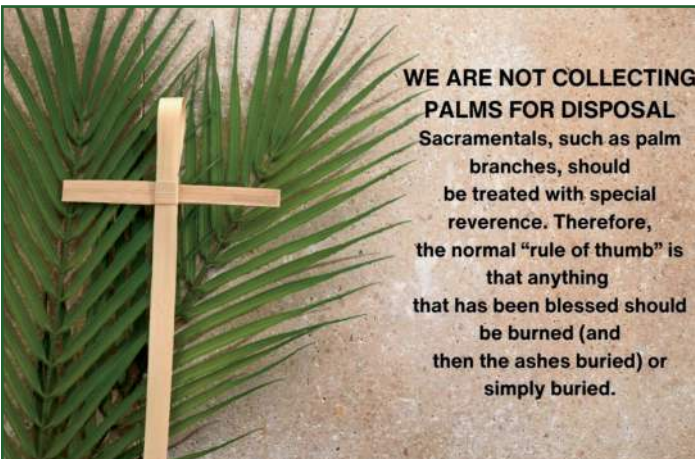
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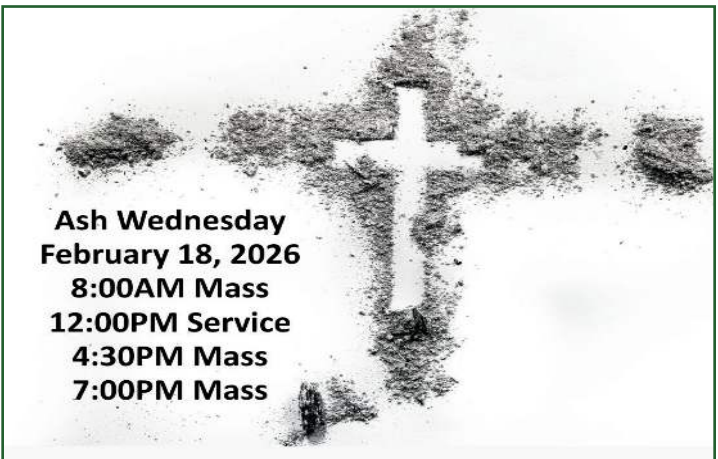
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**WE ARE NOT COLLECTING  
PALMS FOR DISPOSAL**  
Sacramentals, such as palm branches, should be treated with special reverence. Therefore, the normal "rule of thumb" is that anything that has been blessed should be burned (and then the ashes buried) or simply buried.




**Ash Wednesday  
February 18, 2026  
8:00AM Mass  
12:00PM Service  
4:30PM Mass  
7:00PM Mass**



# Around Our Parish

# Let's Booklets



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## How Do We MAKE Disciples for Jesus?

**What:** Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

**Where:** St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

**When:** Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm



MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).

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