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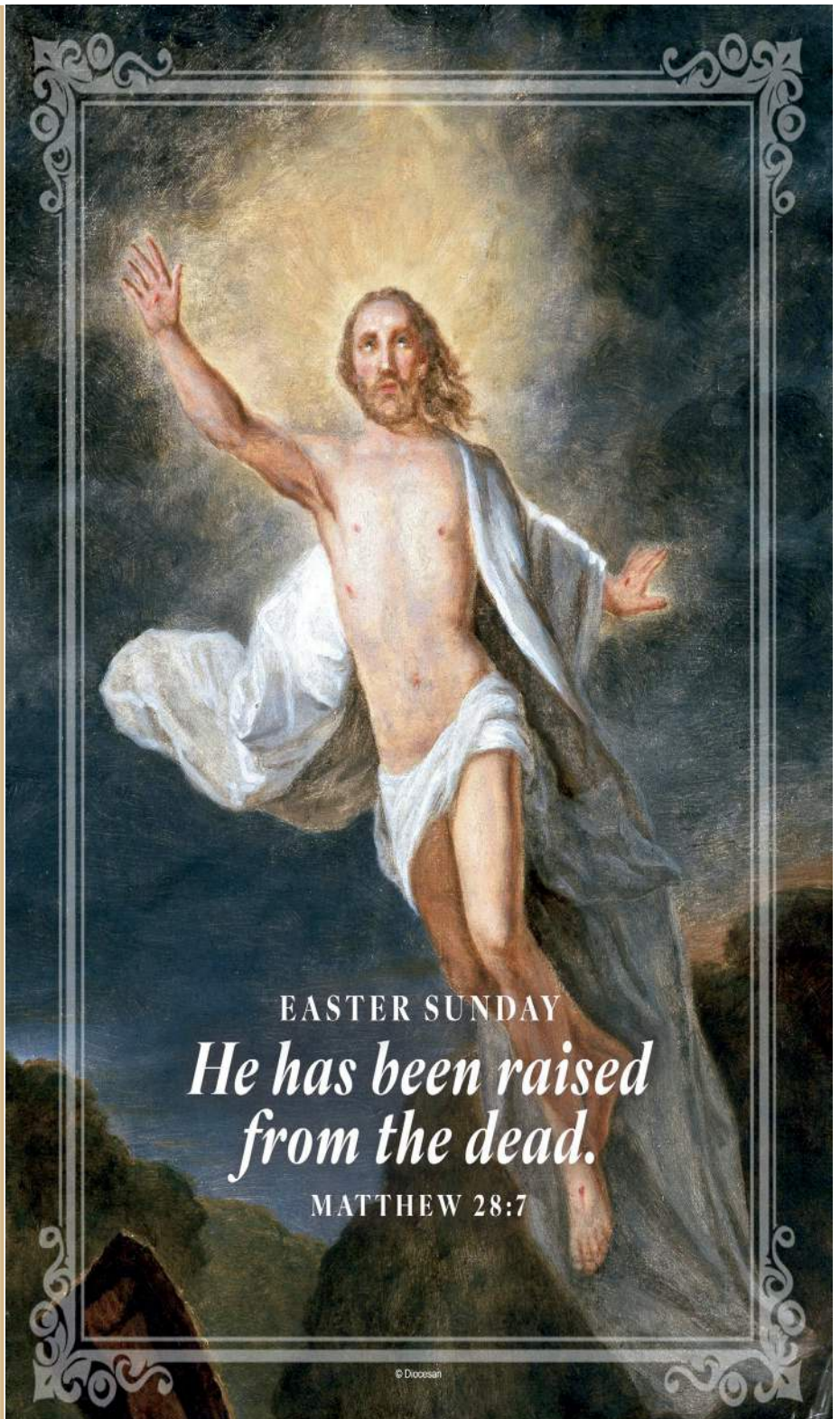
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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



EASTER SUNDAY
*He has been raised
from the dead.*

MATTHEW 28:7

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, April 6th
8:00 am† George Hejny

Tuesday, April 7th
8:00 am† Tom & Dorothy O'Hallaren

Wednesday, April 8th
8:00 am Linda Shaaf (Living)

Thursday, April 9th
8:00 am† Lorette Nadeau

Friday, April 10th
8:00 am† Doris Hanlon & Phyllis Slyder

Saturday, April 11th
4:00 pm† Frances M. Peterson & Irene Mersch

Sunday, April 12th
8:00 am† John J. Gasparic & Thomas Sullivan
10:00 am† David Laughlin
12:00 pm† Brian Chakires
6:00 pm† The People of the Parish

Policy for Prayers of the Sick

- Names of the sick may be added to the prayer list in the bulletin for one month. The request should be made by the sick person requesting their name or by an immediate family member on behalf of the sick person, who is not able to make the request.
- After one month**, the name will be removed from the list.
- After two months, you may request to be added again for another one-month period.

At every Mass, we pray for ALL the living and the dead in the "Universal Prayer," that is, "The Prayer of the Faithful" and in the "Eucharistic Prayer" even if names are not mentioned.

Prayers for the Sick

Thomas Fitzgerald	Anne Marie Juscik
Alena Truby	Noreen Sisco
Kenneth Boese	Ed Marek
Margaret MacDonald	Joe Leto
Juanita Johnson	

Welcome

We welcome new parishioners to St. Mary of Gostyn.
William & Nichole Barrett
Samuel & Kelsey Thimmig
James & Donna Schroeder

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of

Maureen Toner
Jean Mueller
Matt Selfridge

Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch	Michael Martel
Natalya Brechlin	John Svoboda
Kathleen Halloran	Isabella Czopek
Nathan Kijowski	Jack Culligan
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Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (Afternoon or Evening)
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5,7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11- 18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1- 14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Message from the Bishop



Easter Sunday Message from Bishop Dennis E. Spies April 2026



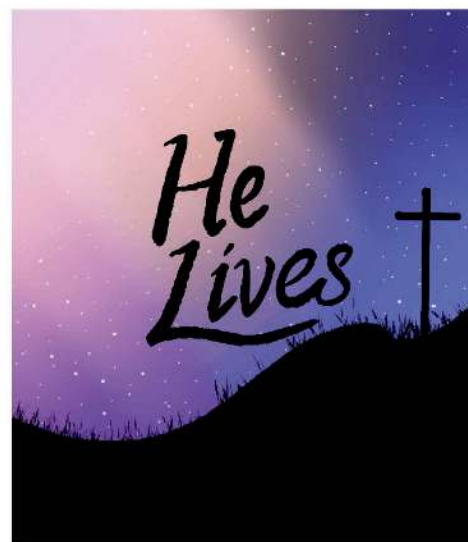
Happy Easter everyone! This is the greatest of all the celebrations. Everything we celebrate all year culminates Easter Sunday. Have you ever considered that the whole point of Christmas is that Easter Sunday needs to happen?

Sometimes we forget in our life that Easter Sunday is real. We think a lot about the passion that Jesus had to go through on Good Friday and how we participate in it. When life is difficult and we're struggling, we sometimes forget about Easter Sunday during the year. It's important for us to remember that any time we're going through something and we're struggling, and then somehow we get through it, and it's extraordinary afterwards—that's Easter Sunday in your life.

Our Lord Jesus participated in Easter Sunday to let us know that he has power over life and death. His life wasn't taken from him. He gave it away—the same with rising from the dead. He chose to rise from the dead. Why would he do that? To let us know that we're next. We get to participate in this resurrection when we follow Him throughout our whole life. And the whole point of the resurrection is the proclamation of eternal life, that we will rise from the dead when we die. Thanks be to God that He saw fit to give us such an example.

This witness is apparent as we enter into this Easter season when we see the apostles boldly testifying to the resurrection from the dead—most of them with their lives. They were martyred on account of their testimony, so it's not just an expression. Jesus actually rose from the dead, and they gave their lives to testify to it.

So, this year, remember that celebrating Easter is about celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead, and the hope that he gives us. Rather than filling up on chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs because you gave up chocolate for Lent, celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in your life, rising out of the many challenges you face to give you hope in this life and in the life to come. Thanks be to God.



Adult Faith Formation

What We Believe

Let us Never Lose Sight of our True Hunger for God

We may have just completed the traditional penitential season of fasting, Lent, but in this next session of *What We Believe*, we'll look at the spiritual discipline of fasting. The role of fasting in the Catholic life begins with abstaining from food and drink, but extends to sacrifices to help us grow in self-mastery, which in turn increases our ability to put others first in love. So really, fasting should not be something we only do during Lent! The functional purpose of fasting is to put God first in our lives, making greater room for God in our hearts.

Fasting is a sign of humbling ourselves before God in repentance. It builds up the virtues of temperance and self-control. It allows us the space to hear and listen to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. It is a tool to break attachments to merely created things so to better focus on the Creator.

Learn more at our next *What We Believe* discussion. With examples from the Old Testament, and explanations from Jesus found in Scripture, this discussion will open up your understanding of the importance of prayer and fasting.

Tuesday, April 7 at 7 PM in the Gathering Place

About Our Faith

The Easter Season

Easter is so important that as Catholics we don't just celebrate it for a day, but for a season. The joy-filled season of Easter is fifty days; the second longest liturgical time of the year, only the Ordinary Season is longer. The great Season of Easter culminates with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

The word "*Easter*" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun, which rises in the East bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The color of the Easter season is white.

Throughout the Easter Season, the Church encourages us to embrace the joy of the Risen Lord. You'll notice at Liturgy, we now boldly sing both the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*. Our prayers are opportunities to give God thanks and praise.

The resurrection of Christ is the center of our faith as Catholics. It reminds us that life triumphs over death, that God's love is stronger than any other force in the universe. This transformative truth calls us to live our lives with joy and hope, knowing that we are unconditionally loved by our heavenly Father. Then we are invited to freely share that love with our neighbor.

Nourish for Caregivers

Caring for the Caregiver



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.

Whether you're just beginning to care for another by running errands or accompanying to doctor visits, or if you've been caregiving for a while, our gatherings will connect you with others and with your faith.

Wed., April 8 at 2 PM in the Gathering Place

St. Mary's Men's Group

Understanding the Power and Purpose of Men

The Bible and the Virgin Mary. St. Mary's Men's Group gathers in a relaxed setting to better understand what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. We welcome 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, April 13 at 7 PM in the GP

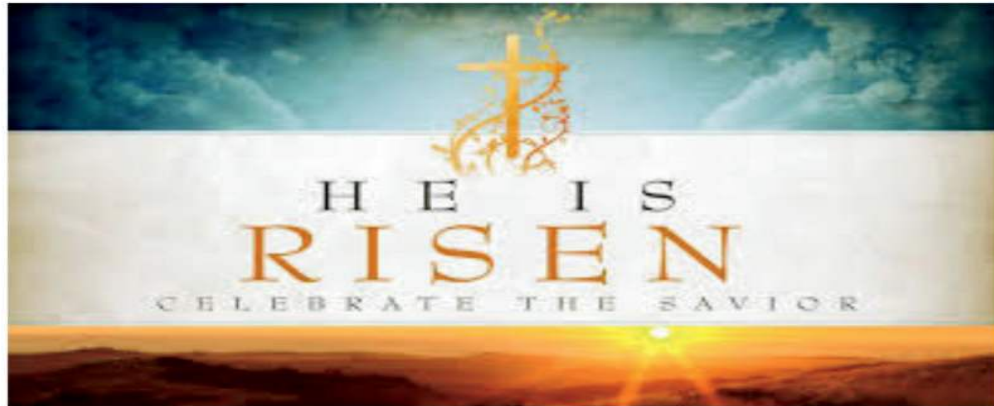
Upcoming Holy Hours

With Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM in Church. Enter the 'classroom of silence', as we prayerfully encounter the Lord present in the Eucharist.

Tuesday, April 21 at 7 PM in Church. Eucharistic Adoration with a reflection on *Laudato Si*, and our Catholic response, as stewards, to care for creation: "Seeds of Hope and Peace for Creation".

Around Our Parish



Easter Sunday, April 5th
8:00AM in Church
10:00AM in Church and Gym
12:00PM in Church
6:00PM No Mass

Adoration Chapel Hours
Monday - Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM
Saturday - Sunday Adoration
Chapel Closed

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Wednesday, April 1st at 4:30PM and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th at 8:30AM



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!



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Izzy came to the Diocese of Joliet's first-ever Steubenville Youth Conference unsure of what to expect. She left with a renewed faith, a deeper desire to pray, and a changed heart. Your support through the CMAA makes transformative experiences like this possible for teens across our diocese.

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Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community

Around Our Parish



What to Expect

- ✓ New venue at Cantigny Golf
- ✓ Premier course with an elevated experience
- ✓ Fresh new schedule

New Date

- ✓ June 4
(no longer the last day of school!)
- ✓ Easier for families and friends to join

On the Course

- ✓ 3 gourmet, chef-hosted live action food stations on the course.
- ✓ Great food, networking, and energy all Day

New Sponsorship Opportunities

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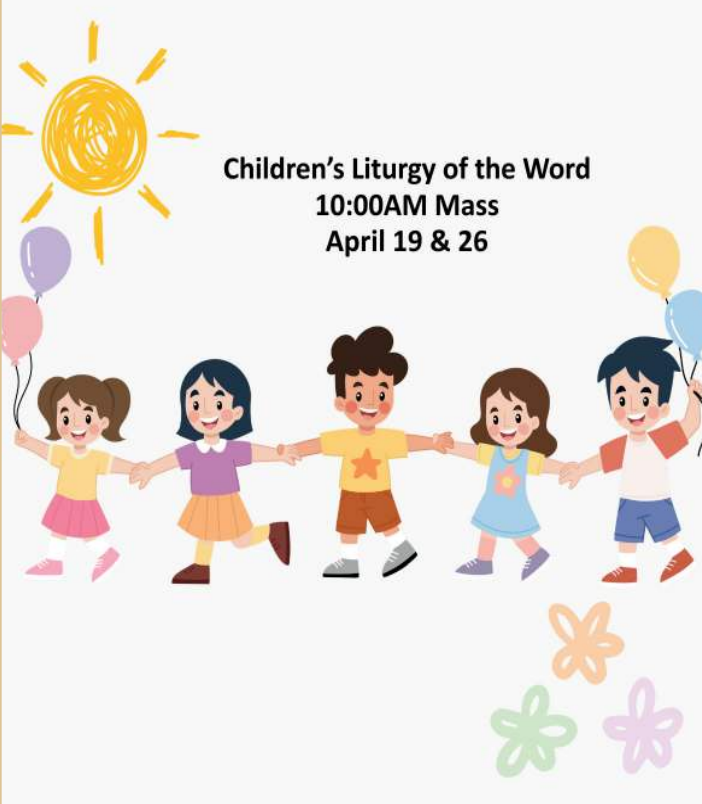
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10:00AM Mass
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