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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

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the  
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

## I Trust In You!



# DIVINE MERCY

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Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 12, 2026

# Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, April 13th  
8:00 am† Doris Hanlon

Tuesday, April 14th  
8:00 am† Kathy Ball

Wednesday, April 15th  
8:00 am† Luigina Aiello & James Bates

Thursday, April 16th  
8:00 am† Kenneth Ruffer

Friday, April 17th  
8:00 am† George J. Camberis

Saturday, April 18th  
4:00 pm† Liam Kollker

Sunday, April 19th  
8:00 am† The People of the Parish  
10:00 am† Thomas Sullivan & Jim Phelan  
12:00 pm† Karen Zrout  
6:00 pm† Doris Hanlon

## 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	Juanita Johnson

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of

Joe Leto

## 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 12, 2026

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

Monday Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

# Adult Faith Formation

## Holy Hour of Adoration

*Be Still and Know that I am God*

Our lives are busy, too busy sometimes, so we invite you to take a break on Tuesday evening! Come, be still!

Three things happen when you go to Adoration more often:

- **You develop a sense of awe and wonder.** There is nothing like the atmosphere of a quiet chapel or church, the smell of incense and the splendor of the monstrance to help you understand the truth of what is happening in Adoration. We are truly before Jesus Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.
- **You experience peace in other areas of your life.** Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." (John 14:27) The outward peace we can experience in Adoration (the quiet and the stillness) reaches much deeper. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives.
- **Grace enters your life.** Adoration makes a dramatic difference to the rest of your life. You can carry the moments of being in His presence with you long after you've left the church or chapel. After spending time with the Lord you come to realize that His grace sustains you in every moment.

(source: CatholicLink, post by R. Kennedy)

Awe and Wonder! Peace! and Grace! Happening Tuesday evenings! Stop by and get some for yourself! Come for the whole hour or stay for five minutes, it's up to you.



**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".

## 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*

## About Our Faith

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

**Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful"**

Luke 6:36

We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but also to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our words, and our prayers. The Lord wants us to do works of mercy because even the strongest faith is of no use without works.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others: as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs". They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through life.

Below are the seven Corporal Works of Mercy; how are you living them out in your daily life?

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the prisoners
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead
- Give alms to the poor

Christ encourages us to go out and meet our brothers and sisters in need, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

(Excerpt from the USCCB website)

# 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

### Bar Sponsor – \$4,000

- ✓ Foursome + premium visibility at the after-golf event

### Lunch Sponsor – \$2,000

- ✓ Featured at on-course lunch stations

### Hole-in-One Sponsor – \$1,500

- ✓ Exclusive sponsorship of Par 3 holes
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### Sandbagger Level – \$750

- ✓ Includes golf + tee box signage

### Putting Contest Sponsor – \$250

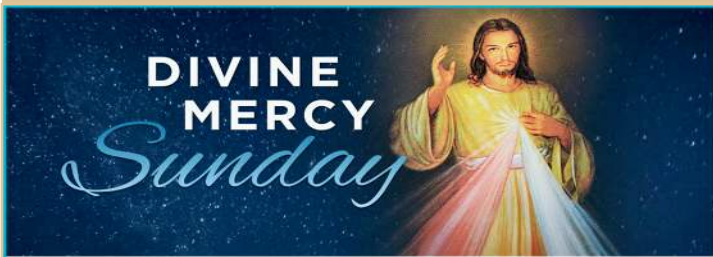
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Don't miss this exciting new chapter of our outing. **We can't wait to see you at Cantigny!** For sponsorship details or to donate an auction item, please contact Gabriella Sense-Burns at [gusenese-burns@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:gusenese-burns@stmarygostyn.org).

# Around Our Parish



This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and the Church. They may experience anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date. For anyone struggling with this, the Church cares. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from our diocesan abortion healing ministry. It is open to those of any faith or no faith, offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Go to [HopeAfterAbortion.com](http://HopeAfterAbortion.com).

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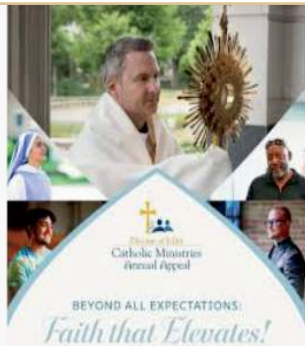
Dear Visitors to Our Adoration Chapel,

We are grateful for your presence and devotion in our Adoration Chapel, a sacred space meant to foster prayer, worship, and quiet spiritual reading.

We kindly ask that you do not leave behind personal items such as sacramentals, rosaries, or spiritual books. Please be sure to take these with you when you depart, so that the Chapel remains a simple and uncluttered place of encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. By the end of each week, any items left unattended, will be donated to a Catholic Charitable organization.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us maintain a peaceful, reverent, and prayerful place of worship for all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Shaun



## 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!



## 2,000 teens. One weekend. Lives changed for Christ.

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.

"Come here," Izzy said. "You'll want to continue in your faith and grow."



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

# Around Our Parish



## St. Vincent DePaul's March Update

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" John 13:14-15

### FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The month of March brought many donations to the food pantry, as parishioners answered requests for the staples that are distributed to neighbors who weekly seek food assistance from the SVDP Food Pantry. SVDP is grateful for another month of support both monetarily and in donations of food and household staples.

Thanks to the generosity of a parish family and the monetary donations received by SVDP. Each pantry family received Aldi gift cards to assist them in purchasing items for a special Easter meal.

In March, the pantry lent assistance on the average to thirty-five families a week, bringing our three-month total to 478 families served. St. Mary's has provided over 1000 individuals with food staples, fresh produce and meat.

Donated food and household products are most appreciated, and donated cash allows us to purchase items we are low on. At this time, the pantry is in need of dish detergent, bars of soap, olive oil, toilet paper, cans of chili, fruit, and beans; (pork and beans or other varieties). Check the Monday eBlast to see what products the pantry needs weekly. Please donate REGULAR SIZE and UNOPENED grocery items are preferred for storage and distribution purposes.

The pantry also appreciates the donation of paper grocery shopping bags with handles.

**PANTRY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM OR USE THE FOOD BARRELS at the CHURCH ENTRANCES.**

### HELPING THOSE IN NEED

On March 10, 2026, a powerful EF -3 tornado tore through parts of Kankakee, leaving behind damaged homes, disrupted lives, and a community in need. Our St Vincent de Paul conference was able to provide financial assistance to the Kankakee District S.V.D.P.

This support allowed Kankakee conferences to purchase food and gas gift cards to help Kankakee area families with essentials as they begin the long process of recovery. Your donations allowed us to assist those facing unexpected hardship in our nearby SVDP community.

### NEW CLOTHING DRIVE PARTNERSHIP

We are excited to offer clothing drive dates for this FALL with the Chicago Diocese St. Vincent de Paul.

Mark your calendars for **OCTOBER 10-11, 2026** Fall clothing drive to be held in our parish parking lot. More details are to come, but for now start setting aside gently used clothing to share with those in need.

Monetary donations can be placed in collection baskets during Mass using the SVDP envelopes available at the church entrances or an envelope labeled SVDP donation or mailing an envelope to: SVDP/St Mary of Gostyn, 445 Prairie Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Online Donations are now being accepted as well.**

For **Zelle** - send the donation to [svdp@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:svdp@stmarygostyn.org)

For **PayPal** - send to St. Vincent DePaul Society-St. Mary of Gostyn

For **Venmo** - send to svdpSMG



# Around Our Parish

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
**10:00AM Mass**  
**April 19 & 26**

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 Night

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