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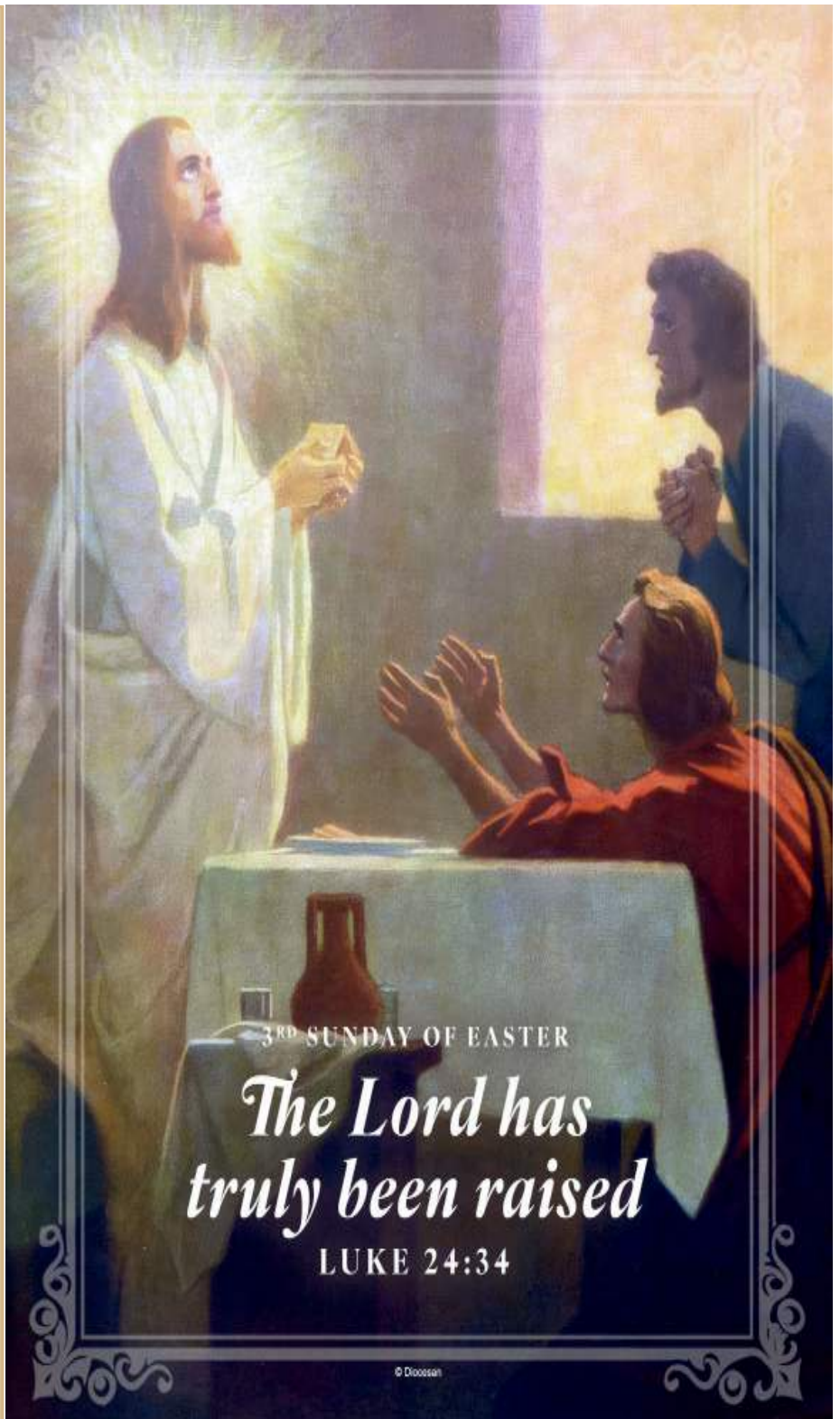
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The Lord has
truly been raised*

LUKE 24:34

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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, April 20th
8:00 am† Pamela D. Quinlan

Tuesday, April 21st
8:00 am† Mrs. Brown

Wednesday, April 22nd
8:00 am† Anna & Louis DalPonte

Thursday, April 23rd
8:00 am† Judy Kilbride

Friday, April 24th
8:00 am† Paul Pendergast

Saturday, April 25th
4:00 pm† Charles Miriani

Sunday, April 26th
8:00 am† Judith Barton & Constance Sheehan
10:00 am† The People of the Parish
12:00 pm† Thomas Quinn & Thomas Sullivan
6:00 pm† Dr. Maria Hofmaier & Janice Hofmaier

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

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| Ed Marek | Margaret MacDonald |
| Lois Bach | Nick Affatato |
| Aleena Truby | Chris MacFarlane |

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Carter James Widdoss son of Dustin & Diana Widdoss

Alison Barbara Duffy daughter of Brian & Sarah Duffy

Rowan Sophia Christian daughter of Ryan & Sarah Elizabeth Christian

Owen Thomas McKenzie son of Mark & Emily McKenzie

Lucy Brems daughter of Michael & Jennifer Brems

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of

Roger Godel
Juanita Johnson Purtell
Ada Fritz

Prayers for the Military

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| Kevin Braasch | Michael Martel |
| Natalya Brechlin | John Svoboda |
| Kathleen Halloran | Isabella Czopek |
| Nathan Kijowski | Jack Culligan |
| Kyle Ng | Ben Gartlan |
| Peter Gartlan | Zachary Frana |
| Noah Sommer | Aiden Browning |

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Michael Rotolo & Lea Marie McCoy
Victor & Isabel Flores

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Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 19, 2026

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

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

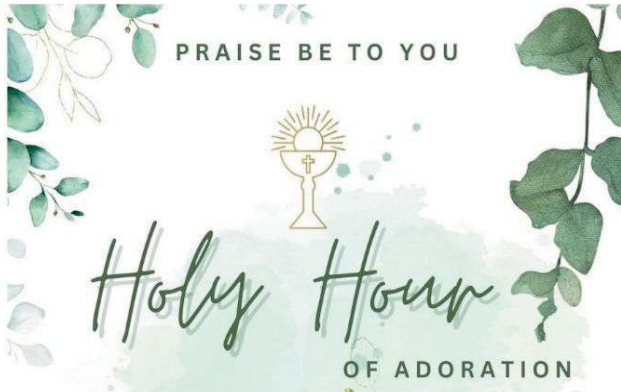
Saturday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Adult Faith Formation

Holy Hour of Adoration

Praise Be To You, Lord of All Creation



Join us for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with a reflection on *Laudato Si'* and our Catholic response, as stewards, to care for all life, including the poor and the marginalized: "Seeds of Hope and Peace for Creation".

When we speak of the "environment," what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. (Laudato Si', #139)

Holy Hour will include Adoration and Benediction as well as the opportunity for individual Confession. This Holy Hour is presented in cooperation with St. Mary's Respect Life and St. Joe's Laudato Si' groups.

All are welcome: come for the whole hour or stay for just a few minutes, it's up to you. But come!

Tuesday, April 21 at 7 PM in Church

About Our Faith

Living Laudato Si'

Planet Earth supports our lives. We must take care of it. In Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, he calls all humanity to care more vigorously for creation. Here are two ways:

EASY: Celebrate the Easter Season and/or Earth Day (April 22) by honoring new life. Find something that was dead in nature and something that is beginning to come alive.

CHALLENGING: Search your memory for any actions you've taken this past month to help a person, plant, or animal thrive. Commit to one additional act to reduce a negative impact your lifestyle might have on planet earth.

Eco-tips by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

St. Mary's Men's Group

Understanding the Power and Purpose of Men

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. As men embrace the call to pursue heroic virtue, they become better husbands, fathers, and leaders. We welcome men 18+ to dive deeper into the faith with 'real' conversations and fellowship.

Monday, April 20 at 7 PM in the GP

Catholic Man Night

Save the Date

An evening of faith and fellowship to deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church. The night begins with Adoration and opportunity for Confession, continues with dinner and engaging talks with 'real' conversations to aid in living our faith as disciples of Christ.

This Catholic Man Night is offered in conjunction with Men of Christ Joliet, which empowers men to grow in faith and leadership through community service, mentorship, and spiritual development, fostering a supportive environment for personal and collective growth in Christ.

Tuesday, June 2, 5:30PM - 8:30PM

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

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- ✓ Featured at on-course lunch stations

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Sandbagger Level – \$750

- ✓ Includes golf + tee box signage

Putting Contest Sponsor – \$250

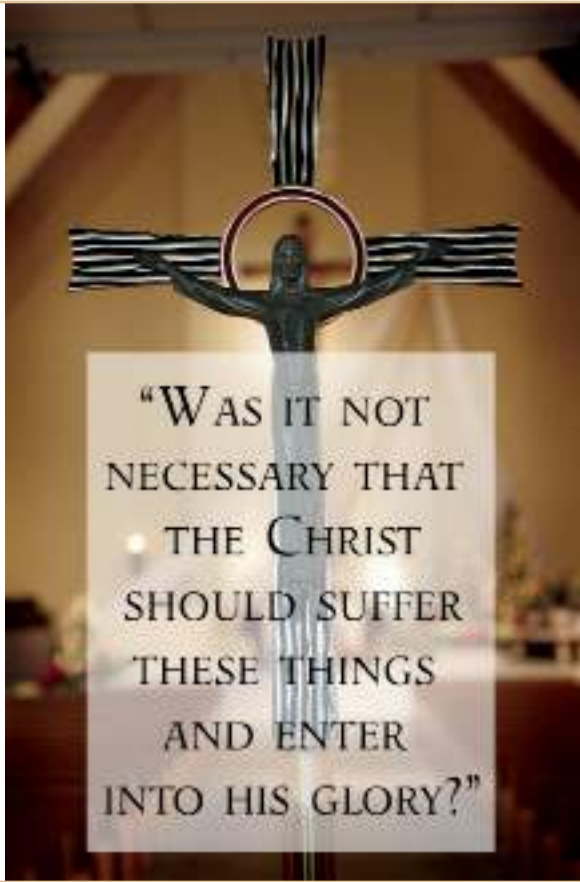
- ✓ Signage at a high-traffic contest area

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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.

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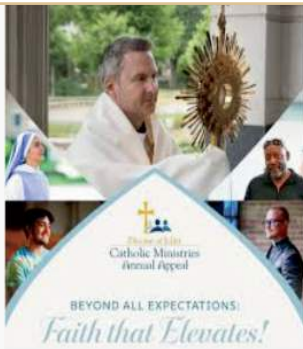
Dear Visitors to Our Adoration Chapel,

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

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A Call To Stewardship Monthly Collection March 2026

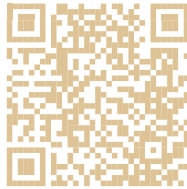
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| Envelope Donations..... | \$ 94,431 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 50,548 |
| Total Collection..... | \$ 149,979 |
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| Total Collection to Date..... | \$1,275,321 |
| Collection Goal to Date..... | \$1,230,021 |
| Balance Over (under)..... | \$ 45,300 |

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SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109) April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed Church-State issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his Abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's Liturgy of the Hours celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

—Peter Scagnelli



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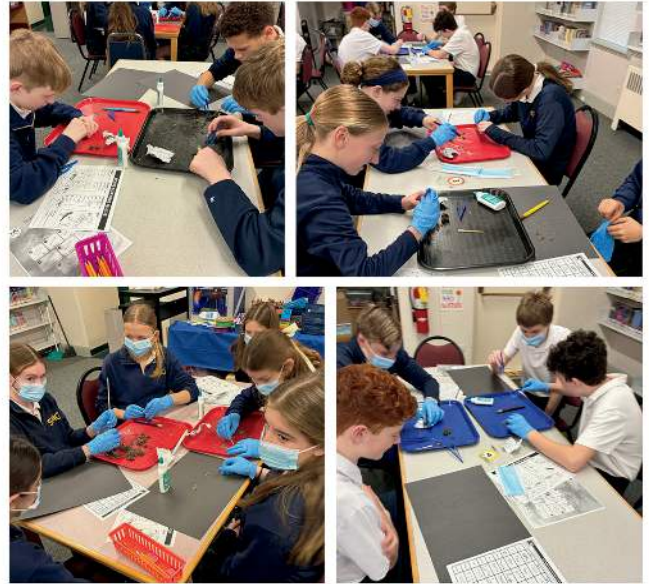
Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00AM Mass
April 19 & 26



School News

8th Grade Life Science Experience in STEAM

Thanks to a generous donation to further education/exploration experiences, SMG 8th grade students were able to dissect owl pellets during their Life Science unit in STEAM. Comparative anatomy, in addition to identification and labeling bones, and future career options were discussed in this lesson.



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