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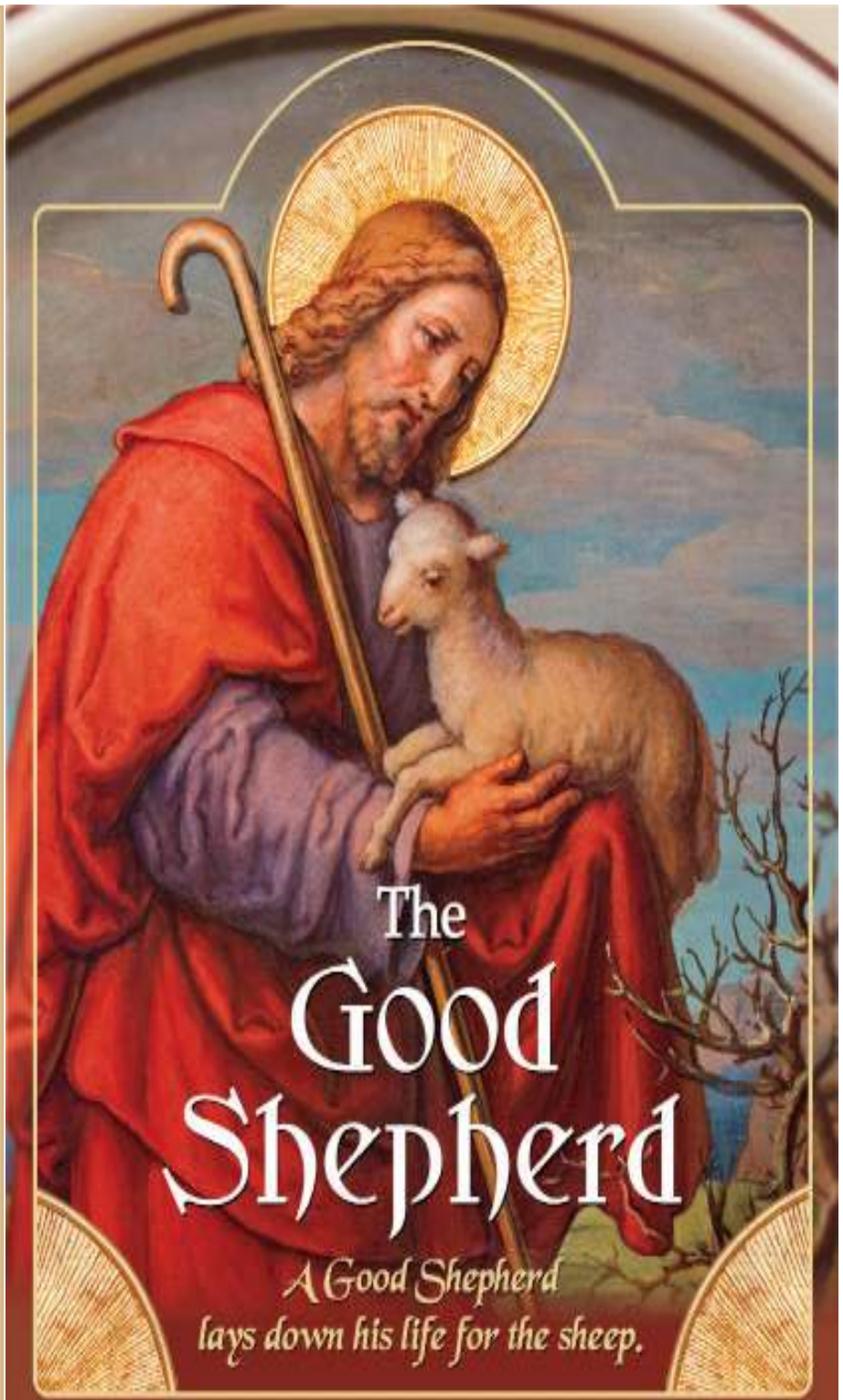
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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



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4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, April 27th
8:00 am† Ed O'Brien

Tuesday, April 28th
8:00 am† Diane Main

Wednesday, April 29th
8:00 am† Doris Hanlon

Thursday, April 30th
8:00 am† Sophie Caruso

Friday, May 1st
8:00 am† Herschel Clark, Jr.

Saturday, May 2nd
4:00 pm† John Hanson

Sunday, May 3rd
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Judy Torres and Emily Torres
12:00 pm† Liz Pabst & Lawrence Szmurlo
6:00 pm† Marian Santoro

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.

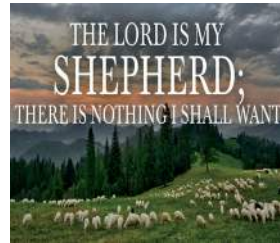
Prayers for the Sick

Ed Marek	Margaret MacDonald
Lois Bach	Nick Affatato
Aleena Truby	Chris MacFarlane
Mike Kern	Phil Kern
Len Wlodarski	Mary Kern

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Nicholas Giovanni Hall son of Nicholas & Mia Hall
Adriana Francesca Hall daughter of Nicholas & Mia Hall



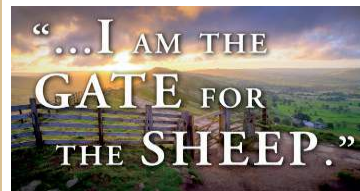
Prayers for the Military

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.

Francis & Robyn Hollweck
Sara Rosinski



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Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 26, 2026

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
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

1st Holy Communicants



Alia Aiyash	Charlize Dizon	Teaghan Lally	Magdalena Rotolo
Leyla Aiyash	Lacey Edwards	Ella Landers	Mallory Rowe
Leonardo Amoroso	Christian Flores	Hannah Leonard	Brecken Rummel
Violet Baca	Avery Fornek	Milliana Londono	Julian Scanlon
Grace Barrett	Isabelle Francis	Lucia Maggiore	Regina Scanlon
Graham Berger	Damian Fuente	Declan Manges	Grace Schwendener
Mary Cate Blaiszik	Grace Gerhardstein	Madeline Mc Irvin	Charlotte Scully
Jonathon Blum	Emma Guilfoyle	Aiden McTighe	Elliana Sickinger
Joseph Blum	Elizabeth Hagle	Wyatt Menick	Isaac Sierakowski
Blaise Bogen	Nadia Haldorson	Augustus Misbach	Sebastian Siragusa
William Boswell	Vincent Hall	Ava Mittal	John Stang
Olivia Boyce	Audrey Hansen	August Moeller	Sydney Stein
Siena Brand	Reese Hawkins	Stella Moeller	Amy Stella
Luca Bruno	William Heath	Riley Nave	James Sullivan
Beatrix Bugayong	Bennett Heitkamp	Edith Neill	Adalind Tarnow
Alice Burnette	Thomas Heneghan	Henry Novak	Miles Thomas
Emilio Cicirale	Isabel Hernandez	Eileen Oros	Theodora Tran
Claire Clark	Dominic Horvath	Riley Palumbo	Morgan Van Howe
Harper Cody	Addison Ibe	Gwendolyn Perino	Maeve Walsh
Cal Collins	Luke Jakosz	Robert Pesa	Vivienne Walsh
Finola Cordero	Anna Kadlec	Peyton Ponsot	Wyatt White
Charlotte Crampton	Joshua Kalck	Nolan Powers	Madison Wiedmann
William Crampton	Rocco Kasper	Emma Prendergast	Lillian Wostratzky
Charlotte Crawford	Miles Kempiak	Luca Radovanovic	Elsie Wrobel
Beckham d'Avis	Alexandra Kincanon	Dylan Rivera	Gwendolyn Zajac
Ethan Daly	Emmett Kmetz	Sienna Robbins	Lucia Zalduendo
Chiara DeChristopher	Hayes Kovach	Veronica Rondinelli	Reese Zangara
William Dell	Harper Kruschke	Tyler Rosenthal	Thomas Zuffa
Micala DiVenere	Callie Kruzel	Carolina Rotolo	

Adult Faith Formation

What We Believe

Almsgiving, our Mission of Mercy

"Prayer with fasting is good. Almsgiving with righteousness is better...It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves from death, and purges all sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life..."

(Tobit 12:8-9)



A central part of our faith is the practice of almsgiving, but one which tends to receive the least attention. The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels as an expression of both compassion and thanksgiving. To be a Christian steward includes showing kindness towards others, especially the most vulnerable in our society. Almsgiving is an act where we imitate the love and mercy God has by providing the most basic and fundamental needs for others. Almsgiving is also an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us.

Learn more at our next *What We Believe* discussion. With examples from the Old Testament and explanations from Jesus, this discussion will open up your understanding of the central importance of almsgiving to the faith-filled Christian. This gathering is open to all adults interested in better understanding our faith and growing in relationship with Jesus.

Tuesday, April 28 at 7 PM in Gathering Place

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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 27 at 7 PM in the GP

Catholic Man Night

Save the Date:

An evening 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. Watch for more details on this dynamic, not-to-be missed event.

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

Marriage Moments

Tips to strengthen your Marriage

- Having a successful marriage depends not so much on FINDING the right person but BEING the right person. Is there a change I can make in my own behavior that will make our marriage happier?
- Do you feel like a hamster racing around a wheel? Are you very busy but never caught up? STOP for one minute. Be silent. Turn off the TV, radio, computer, etc., and turn toward your spouse. Silently thank God for your life companion. He/she is the pathway of your vocation. You will purify each other.

By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

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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Around Our Parish



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!

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

May 3rd at 1:15 PM

Fr. Burke and Fr. Christian invite men who may be discerning a call to the priesthood to join a monthly gathering for conversation and guidance. Open to men from high school juniors and older, these meetings offer an opportunity to meet with Fr. Burke and Fr. Christian, ask questions, and explore what it means to discern a vocation to the priesthood.



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Around Our Parish



Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00AM Mass
April 26
May 3 & 10



School News

Congratulations SMG Chess Scholars

To celebrate the conclusion of their 8-week session of Chess Enrichments classes, students enjoyed some Chess Trivia along with some challenge matches.



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