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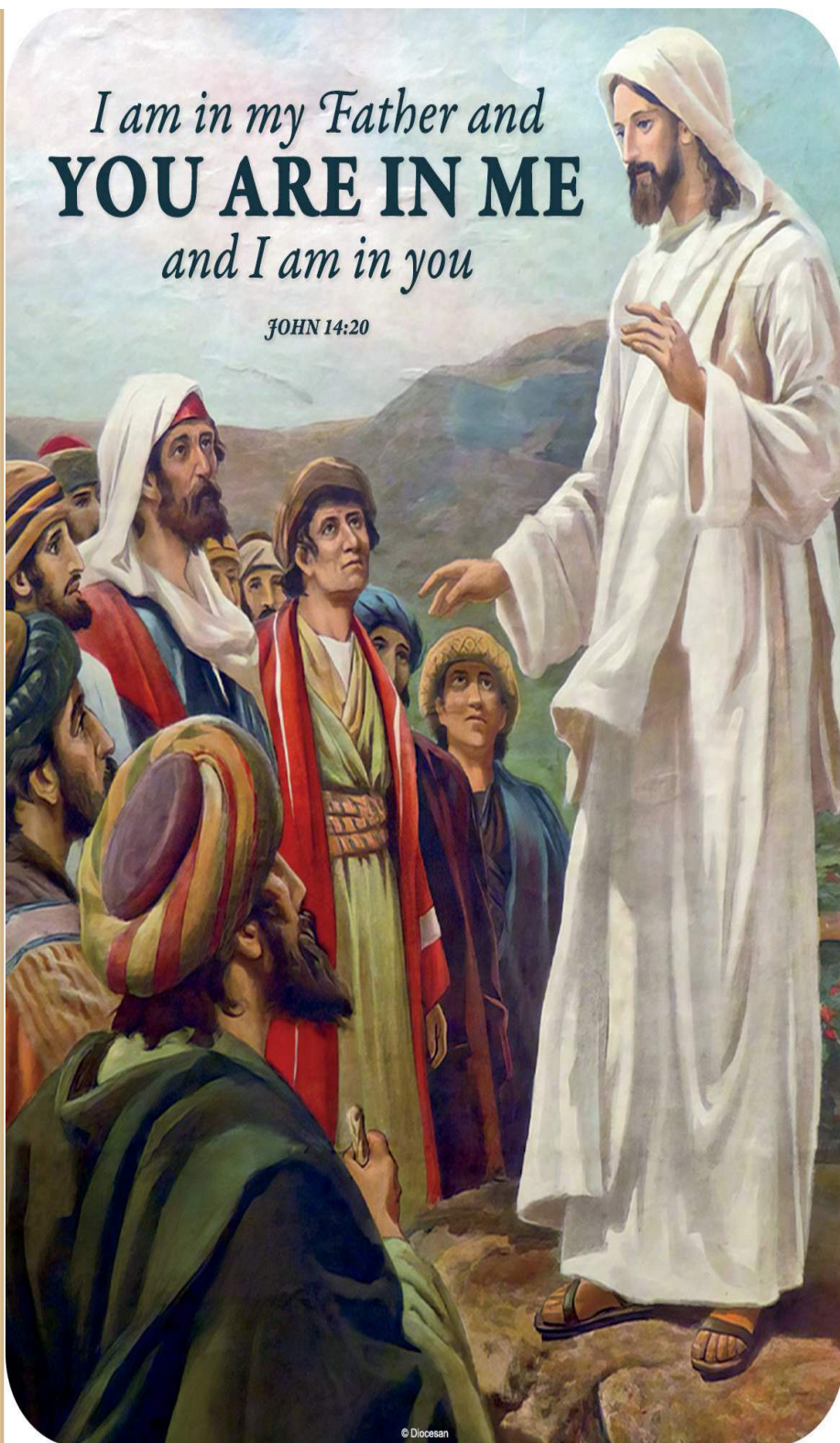
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Mass Schedule  
Saturday Vigil for Sunday  
4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am  
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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



6th Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026

# Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, May 11th  
8:00 am† Patrick Castelluccio

Tuesday, May 12th  
8:00 am† Cathy Giangrasso

Wednesday, May 13th  
8:00 am† Jerome Girsch

Thursday, May 14th  
8:00 am† Edith Slapke

Friday, May 15th  
8:00 am† Katherine Cerniglia & Diane O'Connor

Saturday, May 16th  
4:00 pm† Ron Hargarten

Sunday, May 17th  
8:00 am† Robert J. McMahon & Jennifer Heit  
10:00 am Lisa Sheridan (Livijg)  
12:00 pm† The People of the Parish  
6:00 pm† David & Edwin Zarazan

## 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

Lois Bach	Nick Affatato
Aleena Truby	Chris MacFarlane
Mike Kern	Phil Kern
Len Wlodarski	Mary Kern
Bob Lang	Daniel Nicholson

## Baptism

The following child was baptized on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

**Mary Grace Grigas** daughter of Matthew & Claire Grigas

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.

Vincent Notariano  
Diane Nelson

## 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.

Catherine LeBeda  
Tim & Colleen Ehrhardt  
Ben & Emily Reiff



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## Scripture Readings For the Week of May 10, 2026

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
Monday	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

# Around Our Parish

## *50th Anniversary of priesthood*



**Father Larry Dreffein, OFM**

**Larry Dreffein, OFM, 58 years a Franciscan, 50 years a priest, pastor, teacher, administrator, spiritual director, adult educator, and confessor. He has experience in both the Roman and Eastern traditions of the Church. He has worked with all ages and 27 years working with ministry focused with Senior Citizens.**

### **Golden Jubilee Celebration**

**Join us Sunday, June 7, 2026, St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove, beginning with the 10:00AM Mass as we honor Father Larry for 50 years of dedicated service to the priesthood. A reception with coffee, juice and donuts will follow in the Gathering Place, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.**

# Adult Faith Formation

## Caring for Caregivers

*Caring for You...*

**...through your stages of caregiving.** Whether you're just beginning by running errands and attending doctor visits. Or you're realizing taking care of another requires more time managing medicines and dealing with health and safety concerns. Or maybe you're a full-time caregiver. At whatever stage, Nourish for Caregivers is here to support you and your needs with practical, emotional, and spiritual support.



**Challenges of Honoring Your Loved Ones' Wishes.** Many caregivers struggle with decisions about how to balance loved ones' wishes with everyday realities, especially as situations change and practical issues make it difficult. See how "honoring" those for whom we care lends perspective to decision-making.

*Wed., May 13 at 2 PM in the Gathering Place*

## Eucharistic Adoration

Two May Holy Hours of Adoration, with opportunity for individual confession: Tuesdays May 12 and May 26, at 7PM in Church.

Mark your calendar: Be a part of our Eucharistic Procession between Saint Mary of Gostyn and Saint Joseph Catholic Church on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. By openly reaffirming our faith in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist, a Eucharistic Procession publicly adores, praises and thanks the Lord. Procession from St. Mary's to St. Joe's, June 7 after Noon Mass. All are welcome.

## 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 scripture study, 'real' conversations and fellowship.

*Monday, May 11 at 7 PM in the GP*

## Catholic Man Night

*HERE at St. Mary's...*

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.



Building on the theme, "From Established Church to Missionary Church", this inspiring evening will feature a keynote address by Father Shaun, along with insights from two parishioners, Rick Sparke, Commercial Pilot, Southwest Airlines and Alessandro DiSanto, Co-Founder @ Hallow.

It is a not-to-be missed opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus, connect with other men of the community, and explore how we can live our faith boldly in today's world.

Don't miss out on this chance to grow in fellowship and faith! Come by yourself, ask a friend, invite a neighbor or gather a group! Come!

Dinner provided. No cost to attend, but advance registration is required at [MenOfChrist.net/Joliet](http://MenOfChrist.net/Joliet).

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

# 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
- ✓ On-course signage + full recognition

### Sandbagger Level – \$750

- ✓ Includes golf + tee box signage

### Putting Contest Sponsor – \$250

- ✓ Signage at a high-traffic contest area

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[smggolf2026.givesmart.com](http://smggolf2026.givesmart.com)

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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



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

GET YOUR COMPLIMENTARY  
*Mothers Day Prayer Card*  
AT THE FAITH NETWORK DESK IN THE NARTHEX

This Mothers Day we cherish the gift of life that we receive from our mothers and to pray for all women to whom God has entrusted life in a very special way. As we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of mothers, we remember mothers experiencing difficult pregnancies and pray they may find support and encouragement in choosing life for their children.



The Respect Life Ministry celebrates mothers and their commitment to life by offering these prayer cards. They contain a beautiful prayer for mothers as well as a heartwarming picture of the madonna and child.

 **RESPECT LIFE** *Ministry*



## 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!



## Healing From the Inside Out

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal funds counseling services at Daybreak, Catholic Charities' shelter for those experiencing homelessness. In two years, nearly 200 clients have received therapy, coping skills, and the compassionate care they need to heal — and hold on to — a stable home.



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



# Around Our Parish



## Volunteer Photographer

Would you like to share your photography talents with St Mary of Gostyn? SMG is looking for a volunteer photographer to cover special Parish events, such as, the Easter Vigil, Baptisms, Confirmations, anniversary and special Masses, and similar events held in church. The photographer would communicate with the pastor and parish staff to determine what coverage is necessary. Pictures would be provided to staff for promotion in the bulletin, the Monday blast, and social media.

Photographers need technical and software skills in order to complete their tasks.

Some skills for a Photographer include:

- Ability to work flexible hours to accommodate special events
- Knowledge of photography techniques
- Proficiency with photo editing software and camera equipment
- Communication skills
- Supply their own camera equipment

If there is interest, please contact Deacon Bob at [deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org).



## Special Second Collection

On May 9th & 10th, we will hold a second collection to support families in Kankakee devastated by the recent storms and tornadoes. While specific envelopes are not available, you may place your cash or check donations in the baskets labeled "Special Second Collection: Kankakee Relief" located at each church entrance. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00AM Mass

May 10



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