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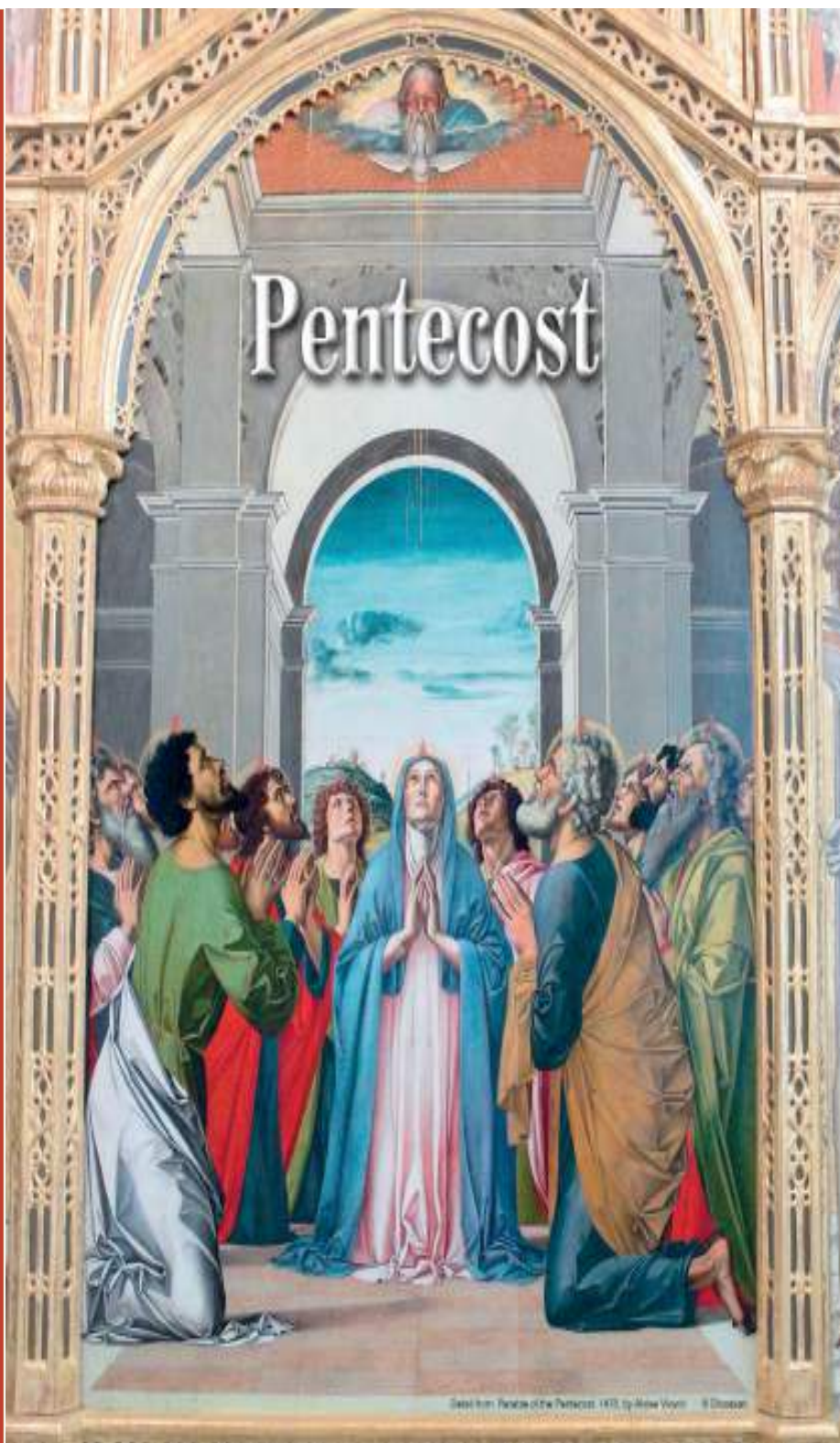
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, May 25th
8:00 am (Living) Jaroslaw & Antonina Andrasz

Tuesday, May 26th
8:00 am † Eugene & Irene Mersch

Wednesday, May 27th
8:00 am † Marian Santoro

Thursday, May 28th
8:00 am † Mary Colleen Kilbride

Friday, May 29th
8:00 am (Living) Jaroslaw & Antonina Andrasz

Saturday, May 30th
4:00 pm † Cathy Giangrasso

Sunday, May 31st
8:00 am † David Zarazan
10:00 am † Tom Salansky
12:00 pm † Marian Santoro
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

Lois Bach	Nick Affatato
Aleena Truby	Chris MacFarlane
Mike Kern	Phil Kern
Len Wlodarski	Mary Kern
Daniel Nicholson	Anne Marie Juscik
Arthur Merzlock	George B. Metzger
Jerry Hoke	

Baptism

The following child was baptized on Saturday, May 9, 2026.

Archie Michael Schlafhauser son of Adam & Brittany Schlafhauser

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.
Daniel Danko
Frank Casillas
Barbara Mitman

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.

Giuseppe & Crystal Agate
Andrew & Eileen Pedersen
Michael & Nicole Carvell
Colin & Cailin O'Hare



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Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 24, 2026

Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
Monday	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52
Friday	1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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.

Around Our Parish

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**TUESDAY
JUNE 2**

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

**“From Established Church to
Missionary Church”**



Keynote
Fr. Shaun Cieslik
Pastor

and featuring
Alessandro DiSanto
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and



Rick Sparke
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5:30 - 8:30 pm - dinner provided
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Bringing Christ to People

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

A **Eucharistic Procession** is a public witness of the veneration toward the most holy Eucharist, conducted through public streets. It is an extension of the worship of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

*Witness
of
Faith*




*Honor
Christ*




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, who continues "to love us to the end".

A Eucharistic Procession allows for prayerful worship of the Lord while moving around. If you want to go to another Mass time, still come; simply gather by St. Mary's Church entrance as Mass is ending to join the beginning of the Procession.

 Sunday, June 7th, beginning after Noon Mass

 Begins at St. Mary's & processes to St. Joe's

 All are welcome

Holy Hour of Adoration

"God Speaks in the Silence."

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Away from all the noise and distractions is an opportunity for guidance, grace, healing, peace, and joy. Try it. Come for the whole hour or stop in for just a few minutes. Either way, you are most welcome; Jesus welcomes you.



Tuesday, May 26th at 7PM in Church

*"Ask Him often to help you.
To say simply,
'Come, Holy Spirit!'
is a powerful act of faith."*

Saint Josemaría Escrivá

Faith Resource



Using our parish subscription, it's easy and FREE for you to access a variety of good Catholic content: movies, documentaries, podcasts, daily reflections, movies for kids, and so much more!

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Around Our Parish



What to Expect

- ✓ New venue at Cantigny Golf
- ✓ Premier course with an elevated experience
- ✓ Fresh new schedule
- 17 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

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New Sponsorship Opportunities

- Bar Sponsor – \$4,000**
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- ✓ Featured at on-course lunch stations
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- ✓ 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

Great visibility while supporting SMG!

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 gsenese-burns@stmarygostyn.org.



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!



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.



Memorial Day Observance

Please note that in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, Mass will be at **9:00 AM**. Join us as we pray for those who have died in service to our country.

The Adoration Chapel **will be closed for the day**, and will reopen on Tuesday, May 26, at 8:30 AM.



Around the Diocese

★ COME HONOR OUR ★
HEROES
DURING MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

— ALL ARE WELCOME! —
You do not need to have a loved one interred at one of our cemeteries to attend.

A gathering across our cemeteries at the locations and times listed below celebrated by distinguished members of the Diocese of Joliet.

† MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 †

- † 9:00 AM ST. MARY CEMETERY, ELMHURST**
310 W. Alexander Blvd.
- † 9:00 AM ST. JOHN CEMETERY, WINFIELD**
Summit & Gary Mills Rd.
- † 9:30 AM SS CYRIL & METHODIUS CEMETERY, JOLIET**
2001 Maple Rd.
- † 10:00 AM RESURRECTION CEMETERY, ROMEOVILLE**
200 W. Romeo Rd.
- † 10:00 AM ST. MARY NATIVITY CEMETERY, CREST HILL**
737 Caton Farm Rd.

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and the faith that honors it.
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AS AMERICA MARKS ITS 250TH YEAR.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
— DIOCESE OF JOLIET —

You are cordially invited to celebrate

Father Tuan Nguyen
on the occasion of his
40th Anniversary of Priesthood

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
551 N. Rush Street | Itasca, Illinois 60143

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A reception will follow Mass in Margaret Woods Hall

To assist with preparations, if you are planning to attend,
kindly RSVP by Friday, May 29, 2026,
and indicate the number of persons attending.
To respond, use the QR code provided below,
or follow the link found on the parish website at stpeteritasca.com
You may also call or email the parish at
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