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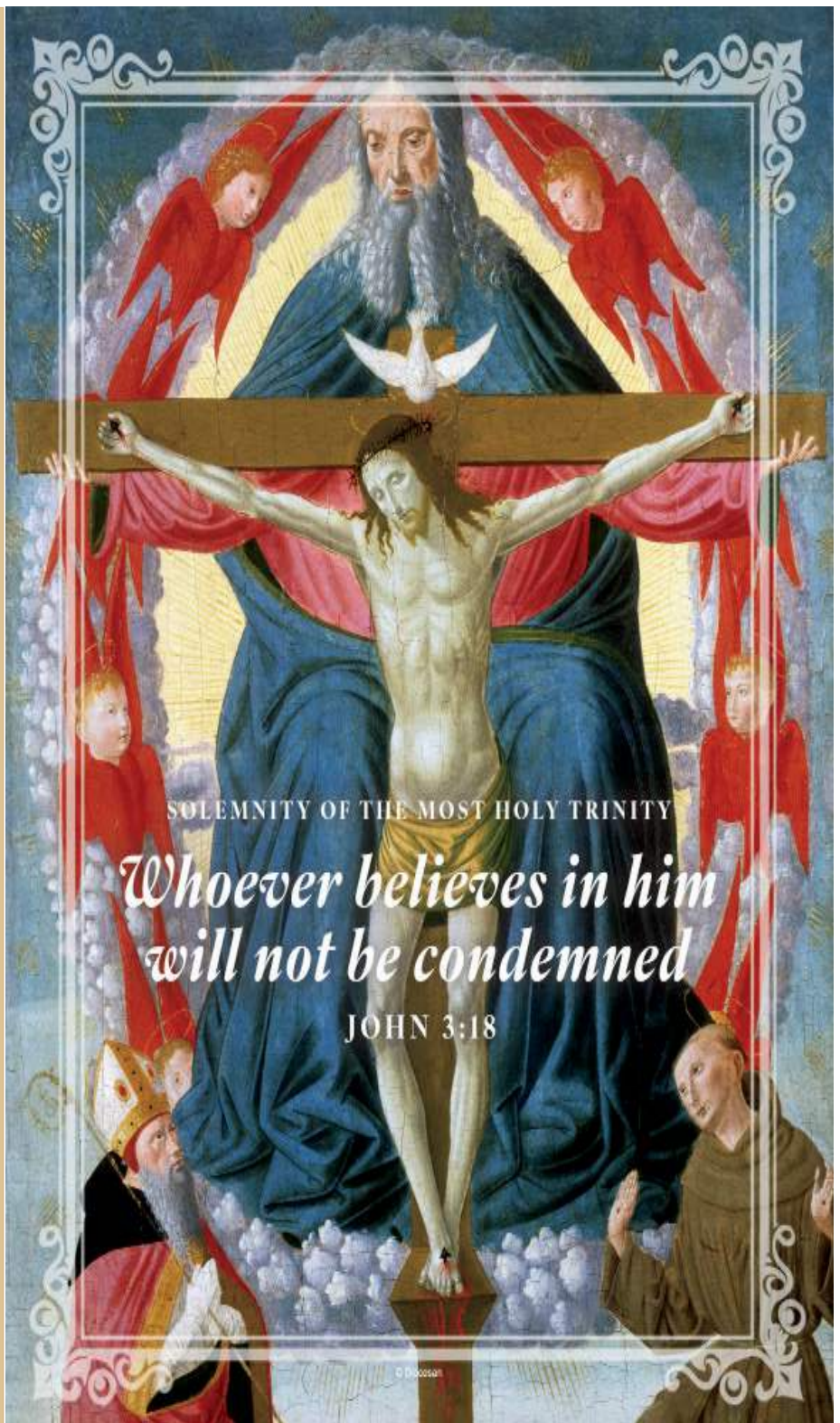
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



The Most Holy Trinity
May 31, 2026

Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, June 1st
8:00 am† Mary Davies

Tuesday, June 2nd
8:00 am† Eugene & Irene Mersch

Wednesday, June 3rd
8:00 am† Carol Ann Orseske

Thursday, June 4th
8:00 am† Frank Stava

Friday, June 5th
8:00 am† John Walsh & Annette Sparkis

Saturday, June 6th
4:00 pm Robert & Donna Wiacek (Living)

Sunday, June 7th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Mr. & Mrs. Charles LaDue
12:00 pm Charles & Donna Golly 50th Wedding Anniversary (Living)
6:00 pm† Mark R. Volin & 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

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 children were baptized on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Eliza Flore daughter of Victor & Isabel Flores
Victor Flores son of Victor & Isabel Flores
Colin Joseph Casey son of John & Shannon Casey
Mia Margaret Ikeda daughter of Nicholas & Christina Ikeda
Gianna James Leggero daughter of Aaron & Alexa Leggero



Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Tyler & Caroline Heinen

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

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 31, 2026

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
Monday	Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	2 Tim 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34
Friday	Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr 2 Tim 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	2 Tim 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday	Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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

SUMMER MASS ATTIRE

Dear Parishioners:

As we approach the summer months, some gentle reminders about our Mass attire can be helpful. As you know, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. When we gather in church, we enter the house of God, not simply another public place, but a sacred place where heaven touches earth.

It has become noticeable that our standards of dress at Mass have become more casual, and at times, immodest or distracting. I know that this is rarely intentional; however, it is important that we reflect on how our clothing expresses our reverence for God and our consideration for one another.

We live in a culture where casual attire is the norm, and there is nothing wrong with comfort. Yet, when we come before the Lord, truly present in the Eucharist, it is fitting to offer our best. Dressing modestly and respectfully is not about judgment or vanity, but about acknowledging the appropriateness of our appearance and actions and helping each other maintain a spirit of prayer.

As we prepare to attend Mass, I ask each of us to choose clothing that reflects reverence for the Church as a holy place. Both men and women are encouraged to dress in a modest manner, selecting attire that is dignified and does not draw unnecessary attention to oneself. In this spirit, it is best to avoid clothing that is overly casual or revealing, such as midriff or spaghetti strap tops, tight-fitting garments, or items with inappropriate graphics or messages. When there is any uncertainty, I encourage you to choose what reflects modesty, dignity, and respect for our sacred place.

This is not a call to formal fashion or to burden anyone financially. It is a reminder that our outward appearance can help foster an interior disposition of worship. Our attire can help us understand we are here to encounter, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us remember that when we gather for Mass, we stand among the angels and saints offering praise to the King of Heaven. May our attire, our hearts, and our actions reflect that profound reality of faith.

Thank you for your understanding and love for our St. Mary's community. Let us continue to build a culture of reverence, charity, and joyful praise together. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Shaun

The Most Holy Trinity TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The liturgy seems reluctant to return to Ordinary Time from the joys of Easter, and so the festivities extend to today's celebration of the mystery of God's relationship to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Gospel today centers the question of our relationship with God in the struggle of Nathaniel to believe that it is possible to experience "rebirth" in the Spirit. The answer of Jesus is that God's response to the messes of this world is the mystery of saving love in Jesus Christ and the outpouring of an empowering Spirit.

Western church architecture often tops a church building with a spire, indicating humanity's reach to a transcendent God. The Eastern Church responds with onion-shaped domes, indicating the Spirit's being poured down upon humanity precisely at this locale, the gathering of the faithful for the Divine Liturgy. This familiar design encodes a great mystery: here, at the Lord's table, we experience the outpouring of the Spirit for the life of the world. Nathaniel came to Jesus by night, since he was still working out the meaning of his life. A life attuned to the inner life of the Trinity must always be given to the light of day.

—Rev. James Field

Adult Faith Formation

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, after Noon Mass



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



All are welcome

Catholic Man Night

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**Fr. Shaun
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Around Our Parish

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN
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A Call to Stewardship Monthly Collection April 2026

Envelope Donations.....	\$ 79,815
Online Giving.....	\$ 44,950
Total Collection.....	\$ 124,765

Total Collection To Date.....	\$1,400,086
Collection Goal To Date.....	\$1,356,177
Difference.....	\$ 43,909

Second Collection:

Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 5,457.26
Holy Land.....	\$ 5,230.18

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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!



Parking Lot Closure

Our parking lot will be closed Monday & Tuesday, June 8 & 9 for sealcoating (weather permitting) and will reopen on Wednesday, June 10. Please park along Douglas or Wilson for daily Mass and enter the north or south church entrances.

The Adoration Chapel will remain open and you may enter through the north door, located between the Mary Grotto and the Parish Center entrance.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.



Around the Diocese



From pre-med to priesthood – one man’s answer to God’s call.

Joshua felt empty despite every worldly success. Through a community that prayed, encouraged, and walked with him, he discovered his calling. Now he’s preparing for ordination in 2027. Your support through the CMAA helps form the future priests of our diocese.

“I finally knew what I was being called to do.”

– Joshua



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

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

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