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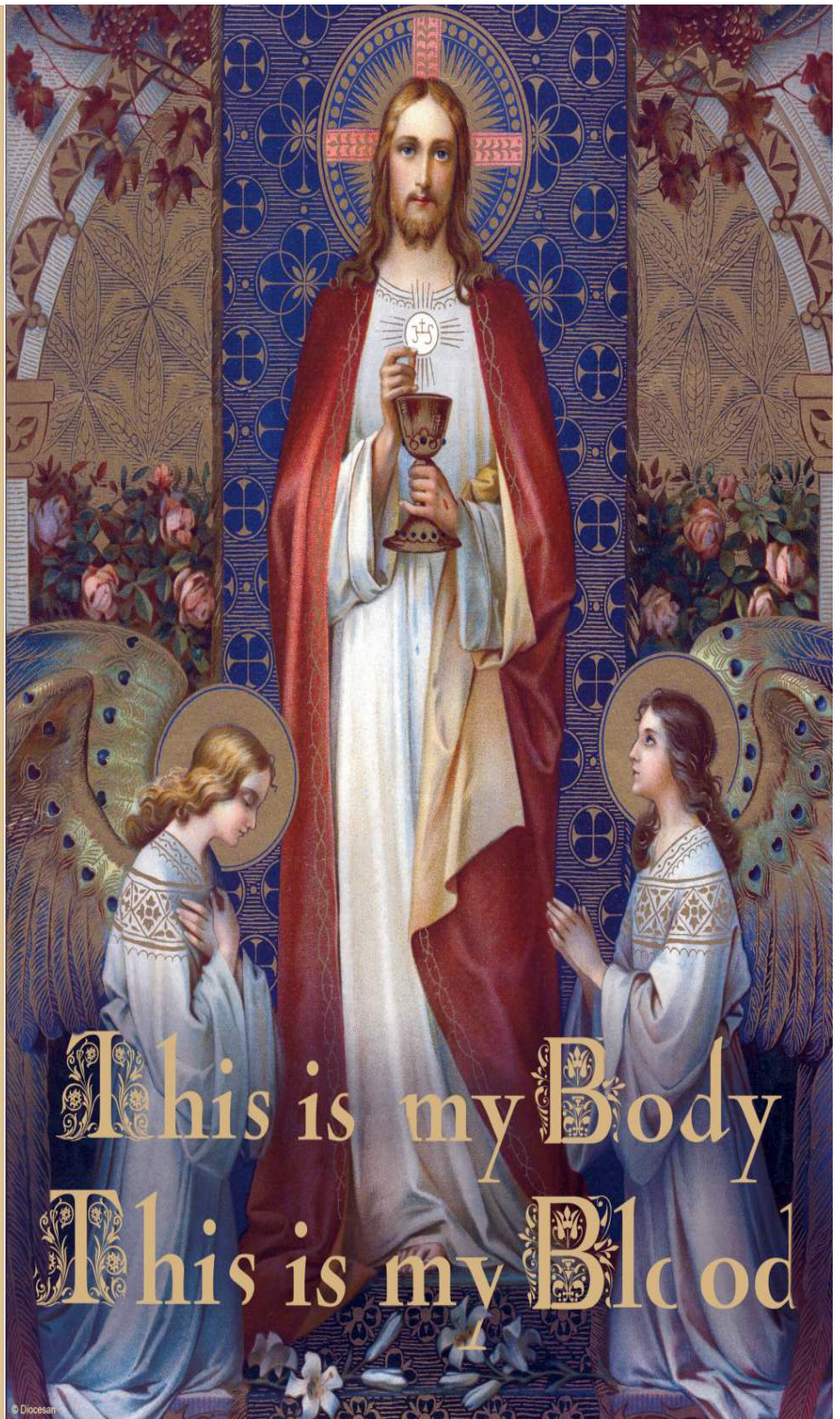
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



Corpus Christi Sunday
June 7, 2026

Parish Ministry | Staff | Parish

Monday, June 8th
8:00 am (Living) Barbara Corsentino

Tuesday, June 9th
8:00 am† Mary Somers

Wednesday, June 10th
8:00 am† Jeff Spratt

Thursday, June 11th
8:00 am† Sharon McGarr

Friday, June 12th
8:00 am† Jane Shannon

Saturday, June 13th
4:00 pm† Liz Pabst

Sunday, June 14th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Evelyn Hearne
12:00 pm† Jennifer Heit & Earle Mattson
6:00 pm† Matt Selfridge

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

Aleena Truby	Daniel Nicholson
Anne Marie Juscik	Jerry Hoke
Geroge B. Metzger	Peggy Rice
Vivian O'Connor	John Saniat

Baptism

The following child was baptized on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

Jane Caroline Madsen daughter of Michael & Molly Madsen

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Gregory & Madeline Bouche

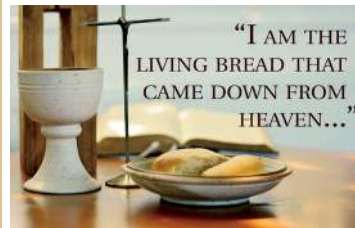
Prayers for the Military

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

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.

Walter Meaden
Donald Maag
Loretta Snell



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Scripture Readings
For the Week of June 7, 2026

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
Monday	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:20-26
Friday	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rm 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

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

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, beach attire, 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

SAINT EPHREM (c. 306-373)

June 9

He was born in present-day Turkey, the son of a pagan priest and a Christian mother. From a very young age, he displayed an explosive temper, which he learned to control. At a very young age, he was baptized and later ordained a deacon. His ministry was dedicated to teaching the faith, for he was a great teacher. His bishop, noting his Christian and human qualities, wanted to ordain him a priest, but Ephrem opposed it, considering the priesthood unworthy of him. As a deacon and teacher, he spread Christian teaching with extraordinary writing skills, making use of poetry, religious songs, and parodying the lyrics of popular songs of his time to not only refute Christian heresies but also to propagate the teachings of Christ. History distinguishes him with the nickname "The Zither of the Holy Spirit." Through his poetry, he founded a theological school. Although he did not speak Greek, he was bold in his language, writing poems dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. His writings and mysticism made him one of the Doctors of the Church.

—Miguel Arias

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*

**This weekend!
After Noon Mass!**

**Even if you don't go to
Noon Mass, come back,
to join in the Procession.
Meet outside the main
entrance.**



*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



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. Holy Hour includes Adoration, Benediction, and opportunity for individual confession.

Tuesday, June 9th at 7PM in Church

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.



NEXT TOPIC:

**ROLES IN CAREGIVING
& DECISIONS WE FACE**

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Roles in Caregiving and the Decisions We Face.

Caregiving is doing God's work. As we are able to embrace this concept, we are able to move with joy and fulfillment in the tasks and responsibilities associated with caring for another. We become the hands and feet of our Lord to our loved one.

Wed., June 10, 2 PM in the Gathering Place

Around Our Parish



Dear Parishioners:

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 28 at 10 AM, as Fr. Dandu will celebrate a Farewell Mass of Thanksgiving with a Social Sunday reception to follow, graciously hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

As we prepare for this time of farewell on July 1st, we give thanks to God for Fr. Dandu's priestly ministry among us and for the many ways he has served our parish community with kindness, humility, and dedication. His presence, compassion, and faithful service have been a blessing to our parish and school.

Please keep Fr. Dandu in your prayers during this time of transition, as he begins his next assignment at St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge.

Peace,
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!



Out of reverence for the House of God, food and beverages are not permitted in church. Water may be permitted when needed for a health-related concern. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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.



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



Around the Diocese



Bishop Dennis Spies
Diocesan Administrator

Are You Being Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Joliet is in the process of inviting men to discern the call to the next diaconate class of formation.

If the thought of becoming a deacon has whispered to your soul, I encourage you to contact the diaconate office for more information.



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815-221-6174

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