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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



Go, for this man is a
CHOSEN INSTRUMENT
of mine
Acts 9:15

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2026

Monday, June 29th
8:00 am† Chuck Rosean

Tuesday, June 30th
8:00 am† Edward Mates

Wednesday, July 1st
8:00 am† Marty Szczech

Thursday, July 2nd
8:00 am† Mike and Nancy McNicholas

Friday, July 3rd
8:00 am† Olga Sandman

Saturday, July 4th
4:00 pm† Bobby Burchatt & Frank
Pentassuglia

Sunday, July 5th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Herschel Clark, Jr.
12:00 pm† Liz Pabst & Susanne
McGinnis
6:00 pm† James Rosean

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	Robert Truby Sr.
Anne Marie Juscik	Jerry Hoke
Geroge B. Metzger	Peggy Rice
Vivian O'Connor	John Saniat
Eliza Skipworth	Ed Marek
Terry Schmittgens	Mary Schmittgens
Gen Hadamik	Paul Novoveski
Theodore Polychronos	
Tom Dooley	

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the followign families.

Eve Ciner
William Leeberg
Donald Maag Sr.

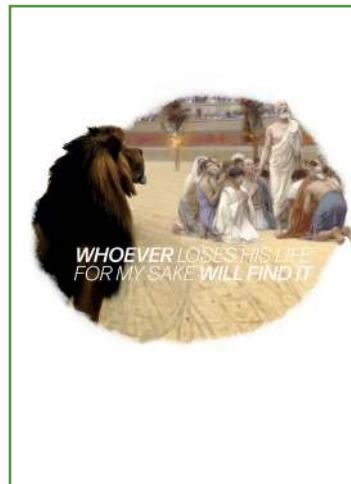
Welcome

We welcome the following
to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Steven & Jordan Smith

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 June 28, 2026

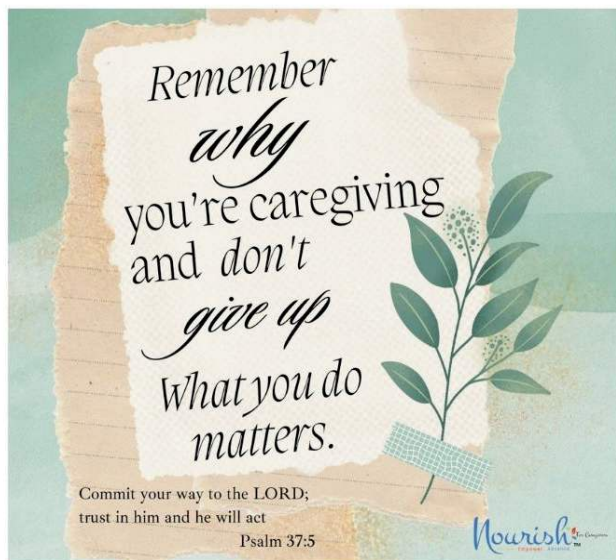
Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rm 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Monday	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Mass during the Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Amos 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Saturday	Amos 9:11-15; Ps 85:9 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zech 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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.



Wed., July 8, 2 PM in the Gathering Place

This Week on Formed

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!

- Simply visit FORMED.org/signup
- Enter St. Mary of Gostyn or 60515
- Enter your name and email
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Need Help?

Resources are Available

*My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:2*

Food Insecurity or Financial Difficulties?

Contact our St. Vincent De Paul at 630-969-1068

Caregiving?

Visit www.nourishforcaregivers.com or the Nourish for Caregivers page on our St. Mary's website

Crisis Pregnancy?

Resources and links through the Diocese of Joliet: catechesis.diojoliet.org/respect-life

Suicidal Thoughts or Feelings?

Dial 988

Healing After Abortion?

Visit Rachel's Vineyard website or contact Heidi at 815-634-3796 or hmillercare@gmail.com

Widowed?

Call 708-354-7211 or visit joyfulagain.org

Divorced?

St. Helen's Divorced Faith and Fellowship Club, contact cmazur@dioceseofjoliet.org

Women's Addiction?

SAFE (Sacred Atmosphere Focused on Eternity)
Email sacredatmosphere1@gmail.com or call Carrie at 312-825-7527

Same-Sex Attraction?

Visit Courage at www.couragerc.org or email joliet.courage@gmail.com

Family Member with Same-Sex Attraction?

Visit www.couragerc.org/for-families/ or email encourage@dioceseofjoliet.org

Loss of a Loved One and Grief?

Call our parish office at 630-969-1063

Individuals Grieving a Loved One to Suicide?

Catholic Charities' Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Loss (LOSS), email mnovak@cc-doj.org

Domestic Violence?

For a listing of resources and supportive services, www.dupagecourts.gov/18th_judicial_circuit_court/

Mental Health?

Visit www.needyourrightnow.com or email Deacon Gerard at FunDeacon@yahoo.com for details on an in-person support group

Wellbeing?

Virtual Catholic counseling service with Catholic Counselors, www.catholiccounselors.com

Marriage Difficulties?

Visit Retrouvaille "hope for a better marriage" at www.helpourmarriage.org or call 815-246-2080

Marriage Enrichment?

Visit Marriage Encounter at www.wwme.org for nearby retreat weekends



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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Confirmation is complicated, at least in its history. It arose in response to real problems deeply felt, not the least of which was the desire of the bishop to minister to all who were baptized. But it also has to do with the early crisis of how to deal with persons baptized by congregations that had broken bonds with the greater church: heretics. People reasoned that no matter how wrong-headed the minister might be, Christ would always work in the waters of baptism. No matter what, God would sweep aside all human obstacles to claim the new life in the water. They were not so sure about the ability of someone who had broken with the church to confer the Spirit.

By the fifth century, already-baptized persons coming into the church were anointed with chrism but not rebaptized. This anointing with myron or chrism was seen as an act of reconciliation by the church, and a seal upon the commitments vowed by the newcomer. Today, we preserve this ancient practice by never "rebaptizing" Christians who have been baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We affirm the candidates' baptismal dignity, and we celebrate confirmation at their first reception of the Eucharist.

—Rev. James Field



Father Christopher Otieno

My name is Father Christopher Otieno. I was born on December 19, 1991, in the western part of Kenya, where I grew for most part of my life. I am from a family of six: my dad, Rasmus, my mom, Lilian, and 3 siblings – Cyprian, Cecilia and Celestine. We are all Catholics. I was brought up in Catholic faith and I enjoyed going to church. It is from the frequent attendance of Mass on Sundays that my vocation to priesthood started growing. The desire to be a priest developed from seeing priests celebrate Mass, I was attracted to this, and I really wanted to celebrate Mass like these priests; their vestments and the way they conducted themselves in a solemn and recollected demeanor just attracted me even more.

I joined Mass servers at the parish and then later I went to the Minor Seminary for my High School education. Being at the Minor Seminary kept the desire burning, especially being able to attend Mass everyday and being taught by priests and nuns. When I was a sophomore, my uncle was ordained a priest, I attended his ordination and I believe at this point I made up my mind to seriously discern to be a priest in the Catholic Church. My uncle Fr. Daniel remains my role model to date. He inspired and encouraged me to start corresponding with the Vocations Director of Consolata Missionaries, a Religious Order he belongs to. I later joined the Consolata Missionaries in 2011 and went through their formation for 9 years. I discerned out of the Religious Order in 2020 because I felt that God was calling me to be a diocesan priest.

Through my uncle, Fr. Daniel, I met Fr. Clive who is a Kenyan priest here in the Diocese of Joliet. I shared with him my intention and desire to be a diocesan priest. Fr. Clive was kind enough to link me up with Fr. Borello, the Director of Vocation. After corresponding with Fr. Borello for two years, I was accepted to join the Diocese as a seminarian. I came to USA in December 2023. I was warmly received in the diocese. I lived at the rectory in Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Aurora, which serves as my home parish here in the US. I then joined Mundelein Seminary in August 2024. While at Mundelein I used to go to St. James the Apostle as my Teaching parish. I was ordained a Deacon on December 6th, 2025, and I was assigned to serve at Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst. I was ordained on June 6th, 2026, and have been assigned to St. Mary of Gostyn. I look forward to serving the People of God as a priest in this parish starting July 1st, 2026.

At my free time I enjoy taking nature walks, playing soccer, watching soccer (can't wait for the World Cup), meeting friends, and visiting families. My favorite foods are chicken and beef. I am very grateful to all people who have supported me in my journey of discernment so far, may God bless them abundantly. To God be the glory, now and forever.

Father Christopher Otieno

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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!

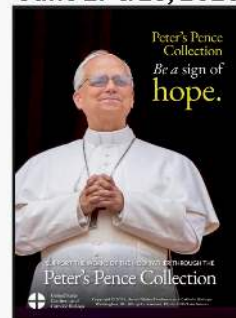



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Registration Opens
July 1st**

Please go to:
stmarygostyn.org
Religious Education tab
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Celebrate Freedom

On July 4th join other families from St. Mary's, St. Joe's, Holy Trinity and Divine Savior parishes, and all Citizens for Life, celebrating the founding of a nation that believes and embraces the American goal of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens (pre-born, children, adolescents, adults and mature adults).

Meet in the DG North HS parking lot at 11:45 am to march in the 4th of July parade with the Citizens for Life group. Parade begins at 1:00 PM. Bring an American flag to wave and a smile!



Faith. Family. Freedom.



Parking Lot Closure

Our parking lot will be closed on Monday, June 29 for sealcoating (weather permitting) and will reopen on Tuesday, June 30. 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

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