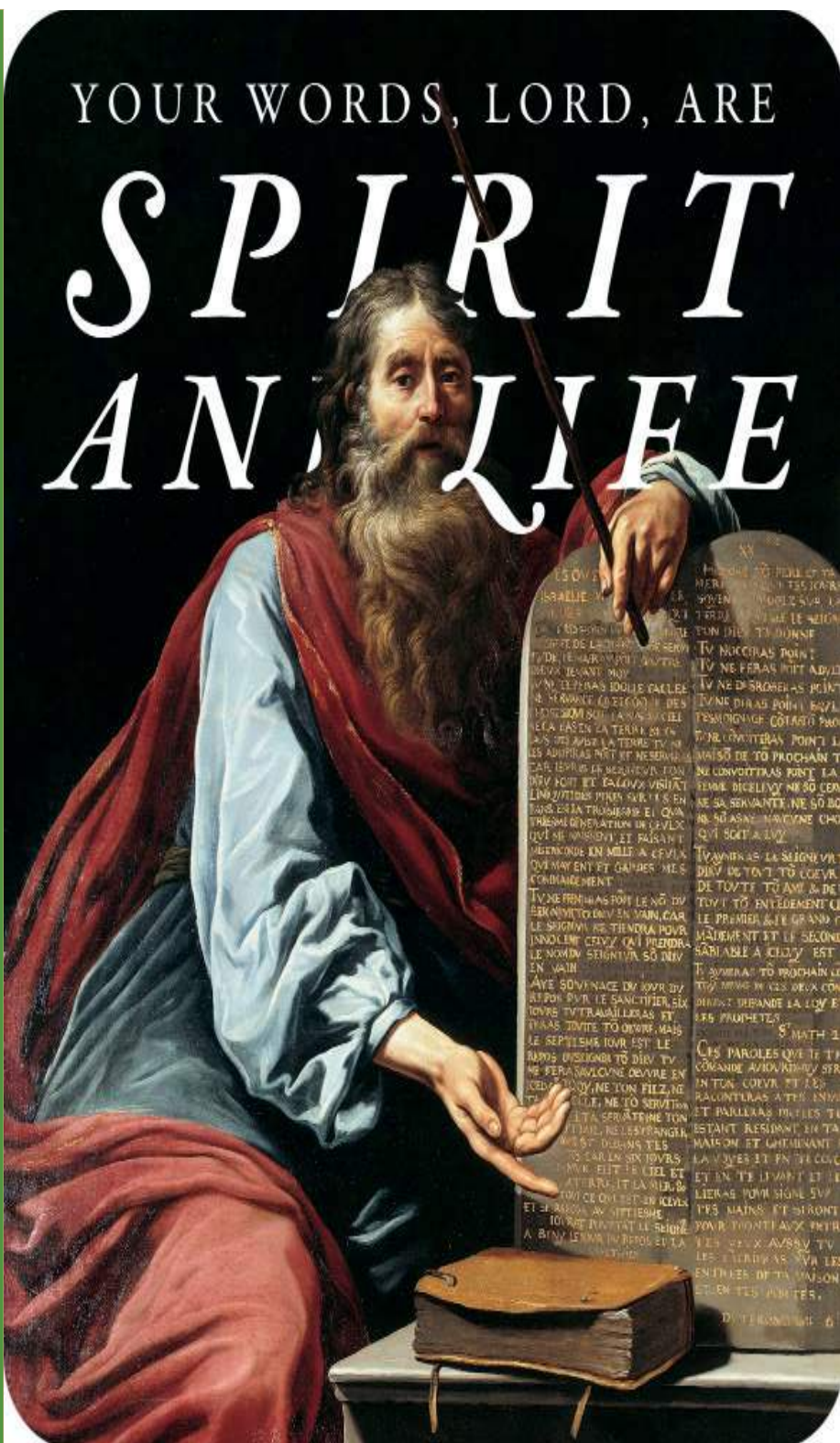


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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026

Monday, July 13th
8:00 am† Thomas Sullivan

Tuesday, July 14th
8:00 am John Selfridge (Living)
Wednesday, July 15th
8:00 am† Robert Dam

Thursday, July 16th
8:00 am† Robert Noonan

Friday, July 17th
8:00 am† Jerry Kowalkowski

Saturday, July 18th
4:00 pm† Eugene & Irene Mersch
Barbara Heye

Sunday, July 19th
8:00 am† Joan Willis
10:00 am† The deceased members of
the Durante family
12:00 pm† The People of the Parish
6:00 pm† Rose Fox

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.
Vivian O'Connor	John Sania
Eliza Skipworth	Ed Marek
Terry Schmittgens	Mary Schmittgens
Gen Hadamik	Paul Novoveski
Theodore Polychronos	Tom Dooley
Florence Fullen	Paul Krefft
Megan McClellan	Ryan
Mary Signer	

Welcome

We welcome the following
to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Michael & Abigail
Kapelinski
Craig & Sinead Chval

Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch	Michael Martel
Natalya Brechlin	John Svoboda
Kathleen Halloran	Isabella Czopek
Nathan Kijowski	Jack Culligan
Kyle Ng	Ben Gartlan
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Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9
Monday	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Is 26:7-9; 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Adult Faith Formation

Holy Hour of Adoration

"It is there that I dare go for the solution to all my problems." –Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

At times, we all may struggle with concerns and problems. Holy Hour is the place to come for 'solutions to all problems' and find joy, guidance, grace, healing, forgiveness, and peace as we sit in the Presence of Jesus Christ.

"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.



*I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.
Psalm 43: 4*

Over the course of history, music has played a significant role in the Church, helping the faithful draw closer to God as they reflect on the lilting melodies and lyrics. The harp, considered the most ancient of the stringed instruments, is certainly a doorway to the sacred. The harp is admired for its soothing timbre and angelic sound; it has been recognized as an influential healing instrument on every level— physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Harp music eases anxiety, promotes relaxation, lowers heart rate, reduces stress, and enhances mood. The August 11th Holy Hour will feature the harp, played by our Music Director, Erin. One distinctive purpose of the harp throughout scripture is praise! Join us this August 11th Holy Hour to praise our Lord and King!

In addition to the beautiful harp music, the August 11th Holy Hour will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and opportunity for individual confession.

***Tuesdays: August 11 and August 25
at 7:00 PM in Church***

Did you know?

About our Faith

Each architectural feature of a Church conveys rich symbolism. The shape of the building, the door, the threshold, the aisle, the pews, the sanctuary, the altar, the chair – all these elements mean something. The place for worship is not neutral; it is charged with meaning. It is not merely a building where we gather on Sunday, each aspect conveys meaning to draw us into the very core of the Christian mystery.

The threshold, as we open the doors to the Church, for example, signifies the crossing into the Garden of Eden, a return to Paradise. The threshold designates the entrance into the sacred. We're not just walking through doors, as we would if we were going into the grocery store, strolling down the street, or moving around our home. No, the threshold and doors of our Church are much more. As we enter the threshold and come together in worship, praise, and thanksgiving to our Lord, slow down to recognize the reverent, profound reality of Christ present with his people.

The doors and threshold help to remind, and prepare, us for the miracle soon to take place on the altar. Our thoughts should be directed towards our Lord. Even the simple act of opening the door and walking into Church can prompt our consciousness and inspire in each of us a profound and ever-deepening faith.



As summer continues, our maintenance staff is busy around the campus with upgrades and improvements. This past week new mats were installed in the entrance thresholds. Praise be to Jesus Christ!



St. Vincent DePaul's June Update

"Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

James 2:15-16

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

During the past month, food pantry volunteers have served over 135 families, bring the half year's total to 900 families. New families have sought assistance, and no one is turned away,

Food pantry donations have kept the pantry stocked along with purchases made from the Northern Illinois Food Bank and local stores. Families are now selecting the staples that they receive each week, which keeps the volunteers even busier during their three-hour shifts, but our neighbors are happy to select the items they really use and need.

Check the Monday eBlast to see what products the pantry needs weekly. Please also take a minute to read the lists of suggestions on how to best donate to the pantry, so the families are getting the items they need.

At this time, the pantry is in need of cans of chicken and fruit, applesauce, and Progresso soup along with boxes of Quick cook or old fashion oatmeal, Dish detergent, tissue, olive oil, flour, sugar, and coffee are also needed for monthly distribution. REGULAR SIZE grocery items are preferred for storage and distribution purposes. Only unopened items can be distributed.

PANTRY DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM OR USE THE FOOD BARRELS AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES.

Tips for donating to the Food Pantry

- Check the weekly eBlast for what is needed.
- Items must not have expired dates.
- Regular size items are best.
- Items must be unopened.
- Items must be packaged.
- Items must have labels, so bulk items can't be divided.
- Avoid donating large containers.

Save the Date October 10th and 11th

Support the SVDP Fall Clothing Drive.
Maybe clean out a few closets over the summer and donate those items you don't wear or need anymore!

Monetary donations can be placed in collection baskets during Mass using the SVDP envelopes available at the church entrances or an envelope labeled SVDP donation or mailing an envelope to:

SVDP/St Mary of Gostyn
445 Prairie Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Online Donations are now being accepted as well.

For Zelle - send the donation to

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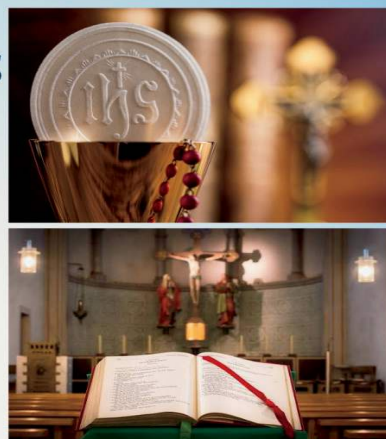
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Tuesday July 21 at 6:30PM in
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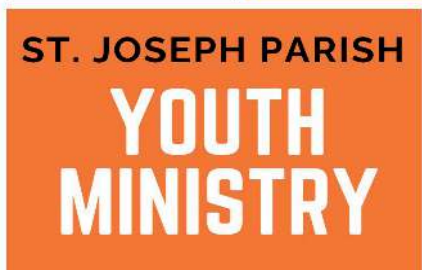
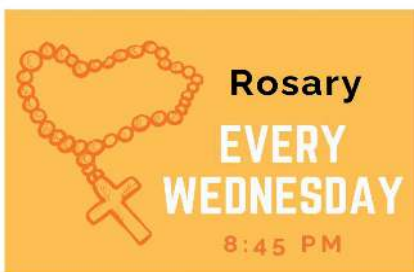
- New to Ministry Scheduler Pro? Please register online at stmarygostyn.org. Scroll to Ministries, click on Liturgical Ministries, scroll down, and click Sign Up Here to fill out the form.
- Already have an account? If you are already in the system, please contact Pat Vena at pvena@stmarygostyn.org with the date you would like to be trained.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our community!

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)

July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?



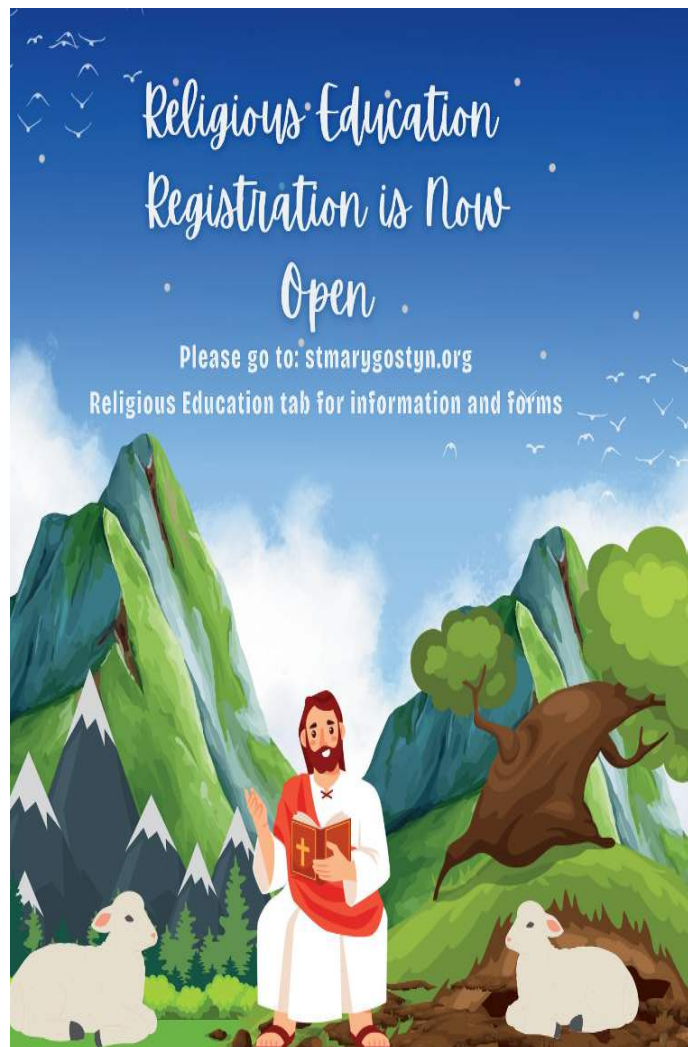
The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

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.





Catholic Singles Social Meetup

Ages 30-39

Are you a single Catholic in your 30s looking to meet others in person who share your faith and values? Join our group designed to help you build community and explore faith-centered dating. Members of all Catholic parishes are welcome!

Sunday, July 26, 2026

6:00 PM following 5:00 PM Mass

Fitzgerald Hall — St. Joseph Church

4801 Main St, Downers Grove

For more information:
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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

July 16

Today's feast dates back to the 14th century, when it was instituted by the Carmelite order in celebration of the pope's approval of its name and constitutions. It is celebrated on July 16th because Carmelite tradition states that Our Lady appeared to Simon Stock and gave him the scapular on that day. Hermits lived on Mount Carmel in northern Israel in the 12th century and by the 13th century they became known as the "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The Carmelites have a long standing reputation for being especially devoted to Mary and have promoted devotion to her throughout the centuries. Saint Teresa of Avila even called them "the Order of the Virgin". The scapular they wear, and invite all of us to wear as well, symbolizes her special protection and calls us to prayer and penance. Now this feast is celebrated all over the world, from Spain to Peru and beyond. Our Lady lovingly covers us with her mantle of protection and calls us into a deeper relationship with Our Lord. Let us answer that call today.
—Tami Urcia

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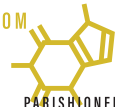
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