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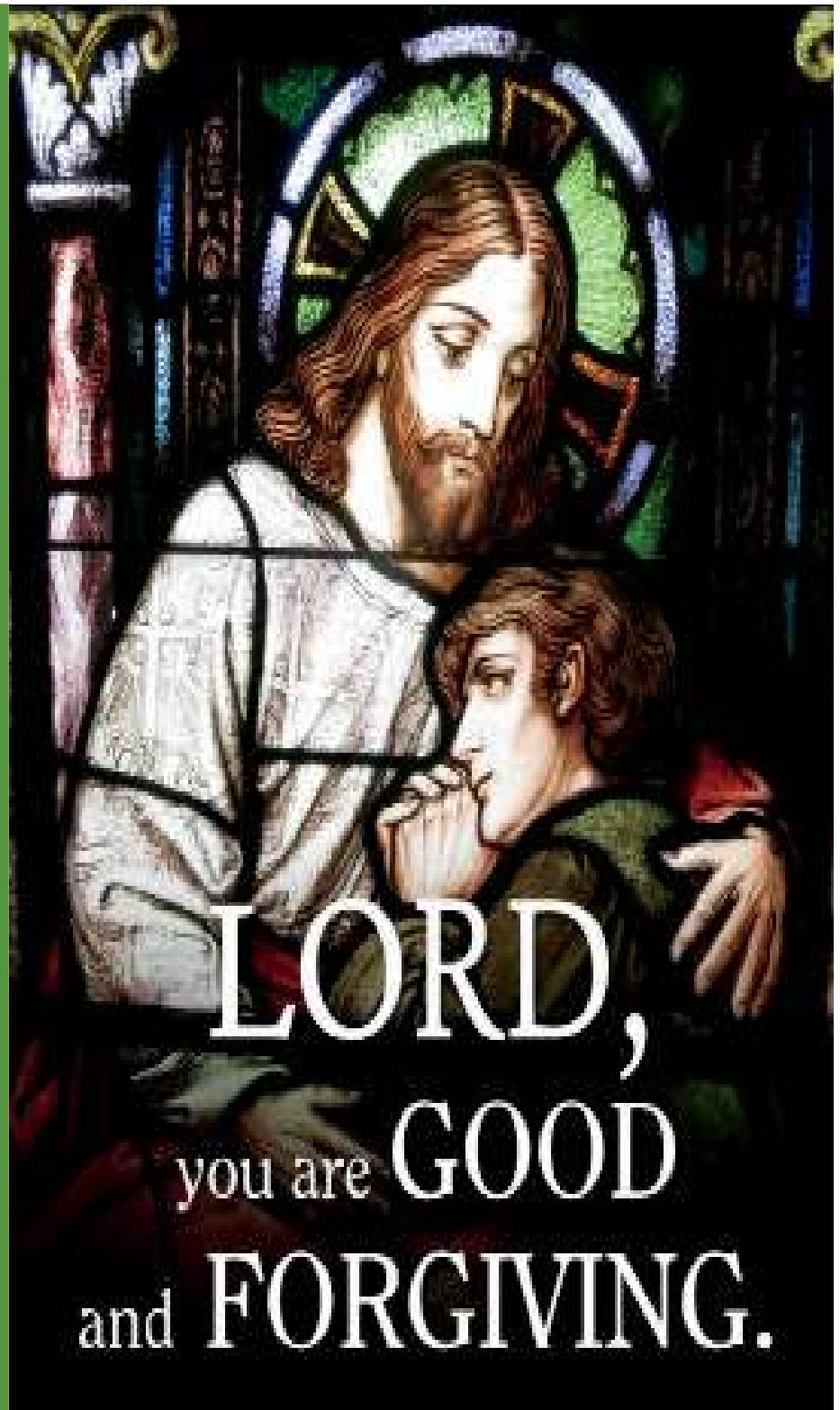
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2026

Monday, July 20th
8:00 am† Patricia Reilly

Tuesday, July 21st
8:00 am† Robert Oliver, Jack Byrne

Wednesday, July 22nd
8:00 am† Richard Kairis

Thursday, July 23rd
8:00 am† Kent Wicks

Friday, July 24th
8:00 am† Gloria Spychalski

Saturday, July 25th
4:00 pm† Christopher Shelhamer

Sunday, July 26th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Angeline & Michael Prince
12:00 pm† Leonard White
6:00 pm† Bernard Donovan

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.

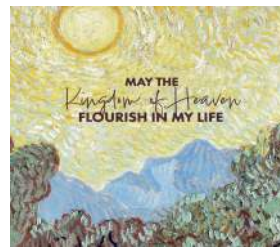
Prayers for the Sick

Aleena Truby	Robert Truby Sr.
Terry Schmittgens	Mary Schmittgens
Gen Hadamik	Paul Novoveski
Theodore Polychronos	Tom Dooley
Florence Fullen	Paul Krefft
Megan McClellan	Ryan
Mary Signer	Candice Komack
Dennis Hofmaier	Lois Bach

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Saturday, July 11, and Sunday July 12, 2026.

Alana Grace Ortinau daughter of Joseph & Abba Ortinau
Sunny Jean Smidl son of Thomas & Alison Smidl



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 July 19, 2026

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
Monday	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Feast of Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Adult Faith Formation

Grandparents and the Elderly

"I will never forget you"

Next Sunday, July 26, marks the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year it falls on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. This special feast day reminds grandparents and the elderly of their responsibility to 'pass on' the faith for generations to come. The feast also reminds younger generations of older people's depth of perspective and experience, with wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

The theme selected this year by Pope Leo for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is **"I will never forget you"** (Is 49:15). This theme recalls the intense and intimate love the Lord has for us, both collectively and individually. The theme radiates hope and comfort, giving us a glimpse of our Lord's heart filled with love, mercy, and compassion.

"I will never forget you" is also a reminder of the dignity of human life. Oftentimes the elderly get shunted aside, pushed to the margins. But Pope Leo, in his message for the day, emphasizes the Church, as "Mother to all and at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God". He reminds Grandparents and the Elderly of their vocation, even in their fragility. "I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world."

Prayer for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

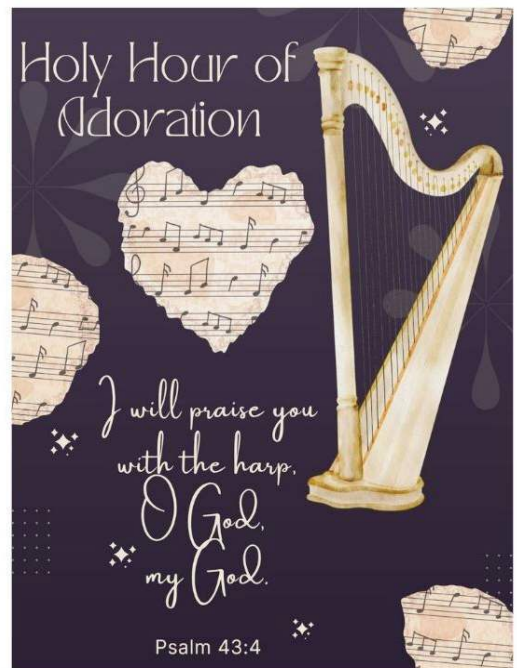
HOLY FATHER
WHO WATCHES OVER EVERY PERSON
WATCH OVER ME TOO WHEN I AM ELDERLY.
YOU HAVE REVEALED YOUR NAME TO ME IN
CHRIST,
AND YOU WERE NOT DISCOURAGED BY MY
FRAILTIES.
YOU HOLD ME TENDERLY IN YOUR HANDS,
AND YOU CARESS MY LINES.
YOU WILL NEVER FORGET ME! (SEE IS
49:15).
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT FEAR MY WEAKNESS;
HELP ME LEARN TO LOVE IT
JUST AS YOU LOVE IT.
HELP ME LEARN TO LISTEN TO IT
JUST AS YOU LISTEN TO IT.
HELP ME EMBRACE IT
JUST AS YOU HAVE CHOSEN IT -
YOU WHO, THOUGH ALL-POWERFUL,
CLOTHED YOURSELF IN HUMILITY.
MAY GROWING OLD STRIP AWAY ALL OUR
PRIDE
AND ALL DIVISION
SO THAT WE MAY LIVE THESE YEARS
UNITED IN YOU.
YOU WILL NEVER FORGET US! (SEE IS 49:15)
AMEN.

Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life - Vatican City

Holy Hour of Adoration

Sacred Sounds

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 Lawrence. One distinctive purpose of the harp throughout scripture is praise! Join us at Holy Hour to praise our Lord and King!

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

Tuesday, August 11 at 7PM in Church

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Envelope Donations.....\$ 77,609
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Total Collection.....\$ 129,337

Collection Total to Date.....\$1,672,436
Collection Goal to Date.....\$1,640,028
Over Goal.....\$ 32,408

Second Collection

Diocesan Priest Care & Support....\$ 9,765.75

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**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
July 22**

Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord. Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. She lived her own type of hell on earth, that is, until Jesus crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other “preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God”. Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, nor did she deny him despite the harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion as she is known in Mark’s account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, “I have seen the Lord!”

—Tami Urcia



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS *Training*

Tuesday July 21 at 6:30PM in
the church.



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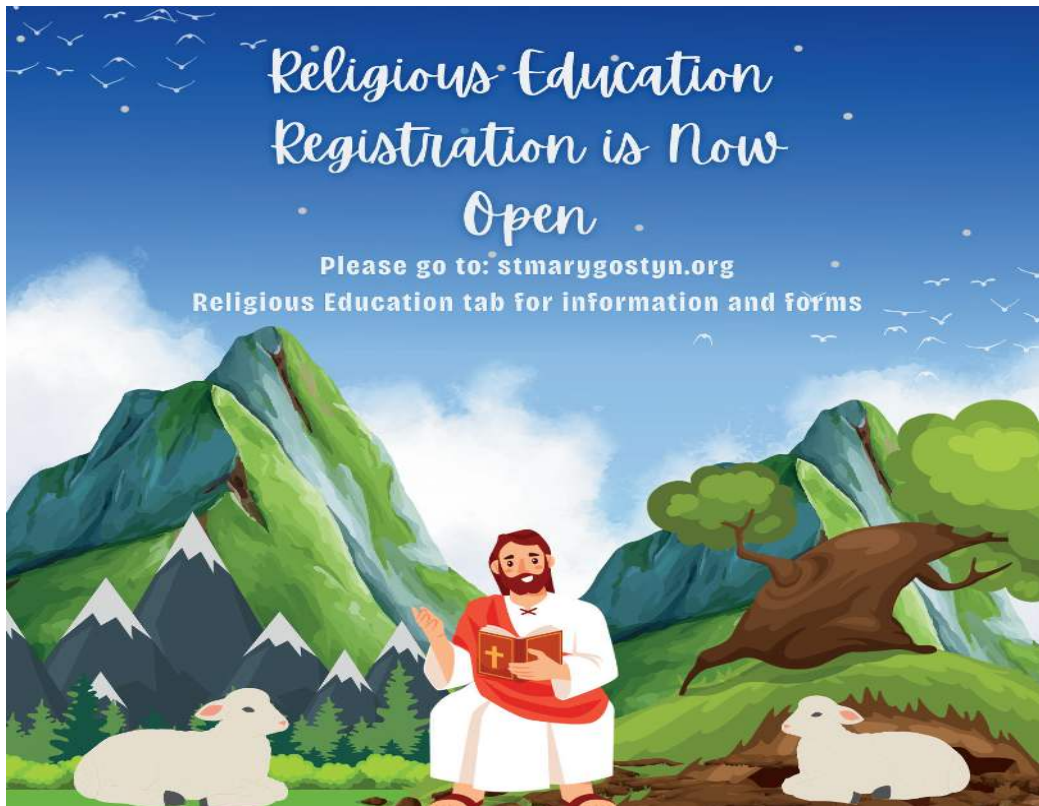
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- Already have an account? If you are already in the system, please contact Pat Vena at pvena@stmarygostyn.org with the date you would like to be trained.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our community!

Religious Education Registration is Now Open

Please go to: stmarygostyn.org

Religious Education tab for information and forms



**Congratulations to our
Confirmandis who made their
Confirmation on
Sunday, July 12th**



Joseph Eskew
Sophia Eskew
Ashley Edwards
James Healy
Mary Katherine Healy
Thomas Healy
Alayna Petrillo
Colton Woodring



Baptism



Ortinau family recent baptism at
St. Mary of Gostyn.

Prayer Garden

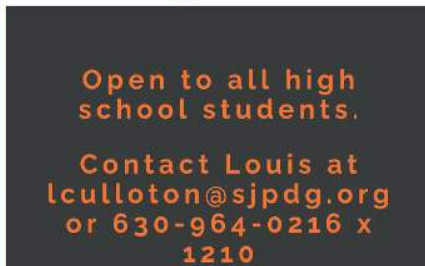
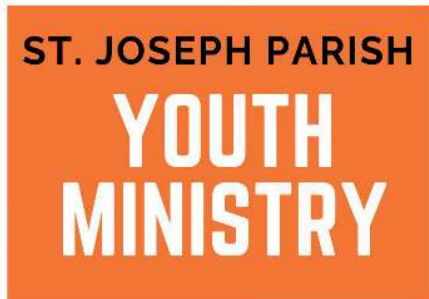
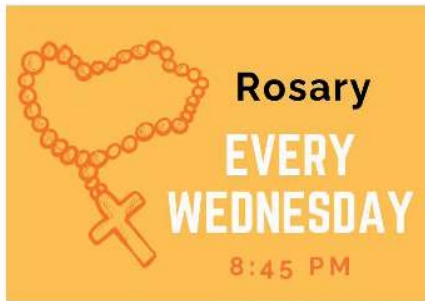


We invite anyone who donated a commemorative brick for our Prayer Garden to retrieve it within the next couple of weeks. We thank you for your support and hope it will continue to serve as a meaningful reminder of this special parish project.



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

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