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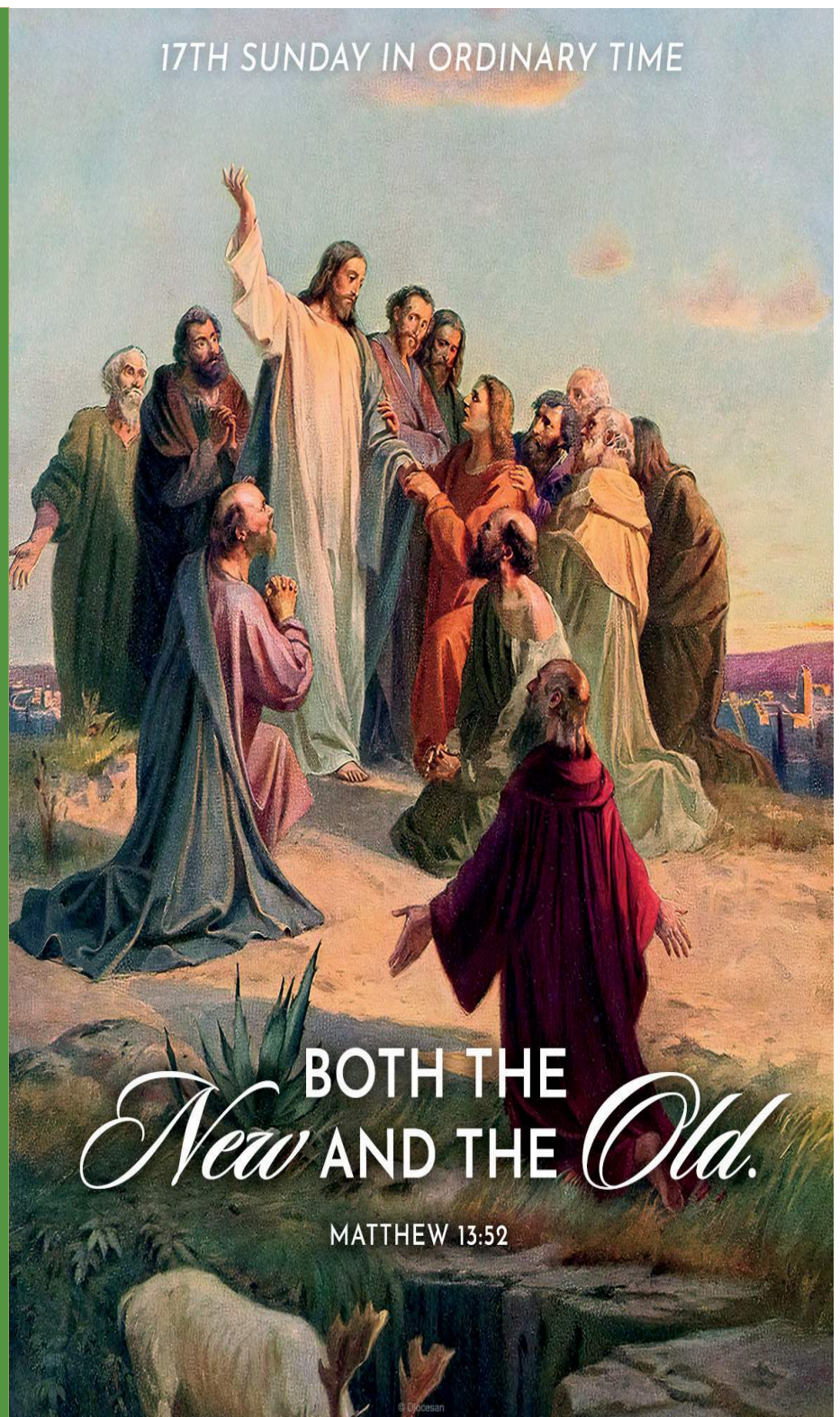
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Both the
AND THE
Old.

MATTHEW 13:52

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

Monday, July 27th
8:00 am† Dominick Friego

Tuesday, July 28th
8:00 am† James Massura

Wednesday, July 29th
8:00 am† Esther Byrne

Thursday, July 30th
8:00 am† Dolores Mendoza

Friday, July 31st
8:00 am† Marty Szczech

Saturday, August 1st
4:00 pm† Eugene & Irene Mersch

Sunday, August 2nd
8:00 am† JoAnn Rodi
10:00 am† Angeline & Michael Prince
12:00 pm† Liz Pabst
6:00 pm† The People of the Parish

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.
Tom Dooley	Florence Fullen
Paul Krefft	Megan McCleelan
Ryan	Mary Signer
Candice Komack	Dennis Hofmaier
Lois Bach	Scott Melrose

Baptism

The following child was baptized on Saturday, July 18, 2026.

Emily Michaela Pape daughter of Michael & Kathryn Pape

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following family.

Cynthia Villis

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

Welcome

We welcome the following families to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Steven & Kelly Silarski
Michael & Kylie Laudizio
Sean & Kimberly Murphy
Taylor & Erin Augustine
Tony & Indie Hodermarsky



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Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 26, 2026

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
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-25
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Adult Faith Formation



Caring for Caregivers

Nourish for Caregivers

Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

Wednesday, August 5th at 2PM in the GP

Holy Hour of Adoration

Sacred Sounds

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 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

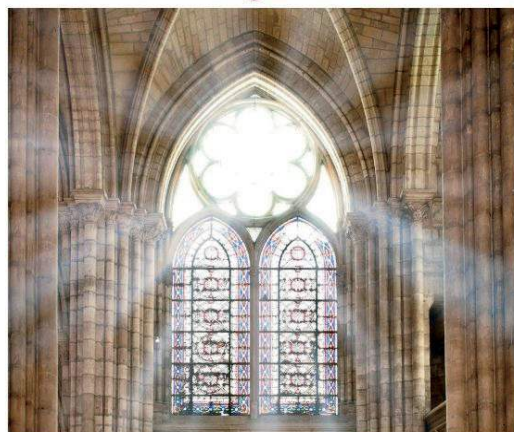
Prayer for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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

Interested in the Faith?

Becoming Catholic

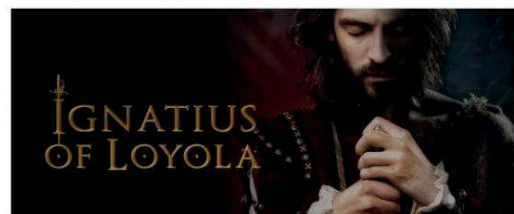


The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the way we welcome people into Catholic Church. Our OCIA Inquiry Course will begin in the Fall and is a way to encounter the love of Jesus and learn to live as a Catholic.

- **If you're baptized in another faith tradition or never been baptized**, or attending Mass because your spouse is Catholic, we welcome you to this journey of faith, and if interested, become Catholic.
- Or, **if you're baptized Catholic, but have not received all your Sacraments**, we welcome you.
- **If you're a life-long Catholic**, we invite you to accompany inquirers along the faith journey, a way to share your faith in conversation with others and model what it means to live as a Catholic.

Together, we'll share in the journey, growing closer in relationship as a faith community, with each other and with Jesus.

Curious? See the website for more details and a full list of topics. If you are interested in receiving Sacraments, call the office at 630.969.1063 or contact Father Shaun.



This film brings to life the story of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called, "the Saint of Second Chances", he was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to an enthusiastic soldier-saint.

Using our parish subscription, it's easy and FREE:

- Simply visit FORMED.org/signup
- Enter St. Mary of Gostyn or 60515
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- Enjoy! It's simple and easy!

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Our Religious Education program begins in early September. We are looking for Parishioners who would like to share their time, faith and talents with the children of our Parish.

We have need for teachers and teacher's aids in grades 1 to 8. Syllabi and lessons plans are provided for each grade level. We provide training and guidance for first time teachers, as well as long time teachers.

Please contact Jen Liszka in the Religious Education office at 630-960-3566 or religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org with any questions.



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Ages 8-12



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July 27-28
Ages 8-12

 **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL**
July 27-28
Ages 8-12



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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the Kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. Along with studying the scriptures, we must pray over them and ask the Spirit to show us how they apply to our lives. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. The saints may have lived extraordinary lives, but they all began as ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ. The writings of the Church, though sometimes very technical, contain the wisdom of centuries of living the faith. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. You might say we have to learn a new way to respond to that situation. In the Bible, the word repentance itself means a change of heart, a new way of seeing and doing things.

We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. These stories can teach how to live our faith (or how not to!). One of the advantages of having friends whom we trust enough to confess our faults to is that we do not have to figure out life on our own. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

Tom Schmidt



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Wedding Anniversary Mass

AUGUST

SUN **30** 1:00 PM

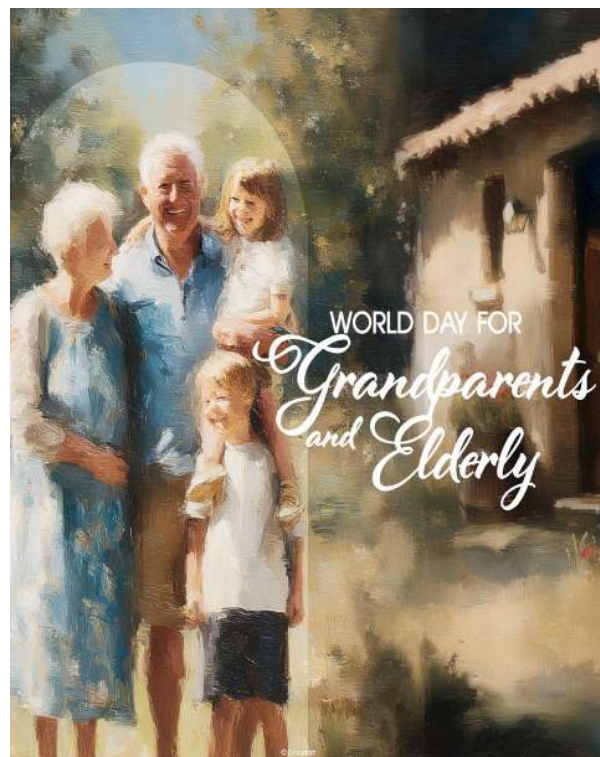
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Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Deadline to register: August 10, 2026

Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine:
815-221-6136
dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org

SAINT MARTHA (first century) **July 29**

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as “second-class” Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

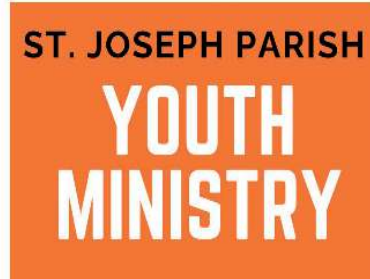
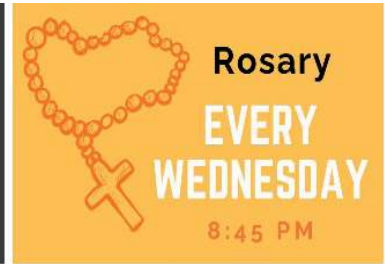
—Peter Scagnelli





Prayer Garden

Invite anyone who donated a commemorative pick 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.



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One Family!



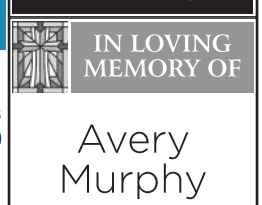
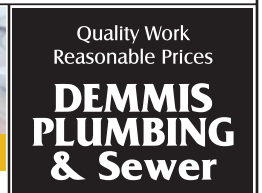
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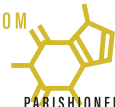
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