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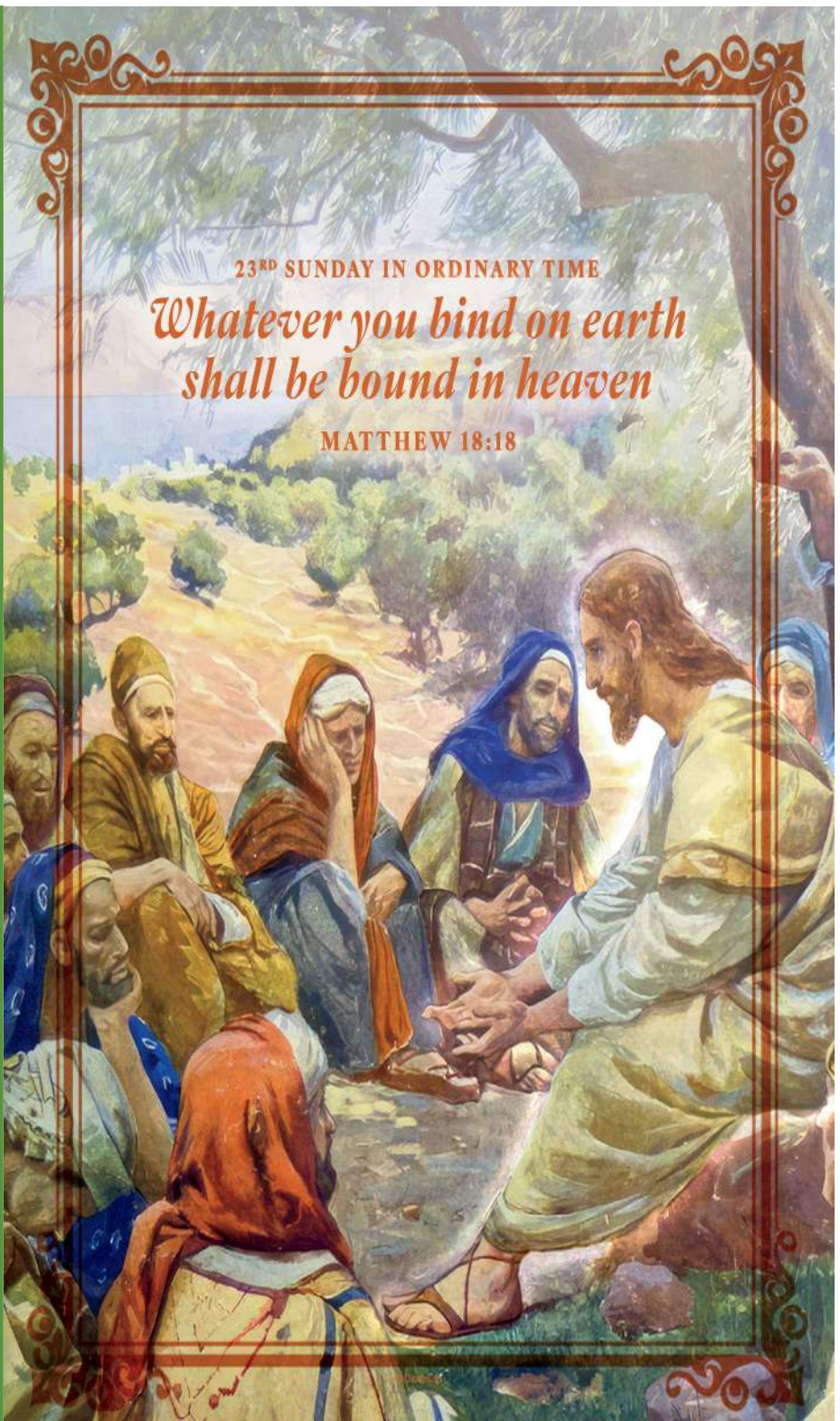
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven*

MATTHEW 18:18

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

Monday, September 7th
9:00 am† Mr. & Mrs. Walter Truskey

Tuesday, September 8th
8:00 am† John Walsh & Annette Sparkis

Wednesday, September 9th
8:00 am† Bernard Stenner

Thursday, September 10th
8:00 am† Tim Landry

Friday, September 11th
8:00 am† Annette Martel,
Fr. Michael Walsh & Mary Ellen Walsh

Saturday, September 12th
4:00 pm† Annette Martel

Sunday, September 13th
8:00 am† Dr. Ronald William Bogen
10:00 am† Doris Hanlon & Homer Penninger
12:00 pm† The People of the Parish
6:00 pm† William Wallis

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.
Lois Bach	Kenneth Boese
Amy Robert	Arlene Kucaba
Jason Ortega	George B. Metzger

Welcome

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

Patrick & Amy Prati
Karen Ganz
Anthony Pelikan
Shawn & Nicole Lawless
Andrew & Stehanie Patterson

Baptism

The following child was baptized Sunday, August 30, 2026 at St. Mary of Gostyn.

Matilda Jane Chval
daughter of 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
Peter Gartlan	Zachary Frana
Noah Sommer	Aiden Browning



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.

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Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Adult Faith Formation

LECTIO *Salvation*



Thursday AM Women's Café

Thursdays 9AM, Gathering Place.
Begins Sept. 10. Register Online.

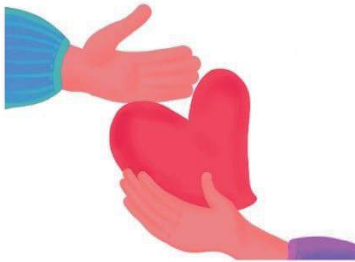
What exactly does Salvation mean?

This Fall, we'll explore Scripture and Catholic Tradition for a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. At the core of our faith is the salvific message that God is love, and His love is one of transformation and redemption. This Good News is what the world needs to hear today! Discover the powerful and personal truth of God's Word and practical inspiration for your life.

St. Mary's Thursday AM Café is Catholic contemplation in a relaxed and welcoming environment with other women of the parish. St. Mary's Café features a unique style of study which engages your mind, faith, experience, and imagination, leading you to read, reflect, and respond. If you've never been to a Bible Study before, or if you are an avid Bible student, St. Mary's Café is for you!

Caring for Caregivers through Every Stage of Caring

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. Next gathering Wed. Sept. 9, 2PM in the GP.



Interested in the Catholic faith? Baptized, but not Confirmed?

OCIA classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7PM, specific dates available online. Curious? Interested in hearing more?

Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more and to fill out an 'interest form'. Or call the Parish Office at 630.969.1063.



Becoming Catholic. Living Catholic Come with Your Questions. Grow in Your Faith.

Life brings joy, uncertainty, challenges, and questions. In every season, our Catholic faith offers a solid foundation and the presence of Christ to guide us. Tuesday evenings are an opportunity for adults of every stage of faith to explore Scripture, Catholic teaching, Tradition, prayer, and the Sacraments. Whether you are seeking answers, returning to the Church, refreshing what you learned years ago, or simply longing to grow closer to God, you are welcome.

Through conversation, learning, and prayer, we will engage the mind, heart, and soul, deepen our faith, and grow together as a parish community.

Come as you are. Bring your questions. Grow with us.

Exploring Burning Questions:



How can I trust that what the Church teaches is the truth?
How do we know that the Bible is true? Is belief in the Trinity essential? Join us with yours!
Tuesday, September 15, 7PM in the Gathering Place.

St. Mary's Men's Group



Monday Nights 7PM in the GP.
All men 18+ are always welcome.
Stations of the Eucharist Study.

Something amazing is happening on Monday nights!

St. Mary's Men's Group gathers in a relaxed and casual setting to dive deeper into our faith to better understand what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. The discussion is always "real". And, as we, as Catholic men, embrace our call to pursue heroic virtue, **we become better husbands, fathers and leaders.**



BE FORMED

THE CREED: THE HOLY SPIRIT

SEASON 13

SEPTEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 12, 2026

Join us for Season 13 to learn more
about the Creed and the Holy Spirit!

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one of the many virtual day/time options
available through the Diocese of Joliet.
Be Formed is an occasion for each person to have
a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ!



Labor Day

Monday, September 7, 2026

In observance of Labor Day, our
parish offices, Adoration Chapel,
and school will be closed. Morning
Mass will be celebrated at 9:00
AM. We wish everyone a safe,
restful, and blessed Labor Day!

Grief support

Six week session begins
September 24th at 2:00PM
in the Gathering Place

To register or for more
information please call
630.969.1063



Food Pantry

Most Needed Item of The Week: Jelly & Tissue. While grocery shopping this week, could you purchase a jar of jelly or a box of tissues to donate to the food pantry. Most neighbors request strawberry or grape jelly. Tissue has become an item that many of our neighbors ask for a few times a month and we currently have none available. Regular size items are best for distribution and for pantry storage.

Pantry donations are accepted on Wednesdays from 8AM to 11AM or you can donate anytime by using the Food Barrels at the Church entrances when you attend Mass. Thanks for your help and support!

Save the Date: Oct. 10 and 11

Support the SVDP Fall Clothing Drive. Clean out a few closets over the summer and donate the items you don't need any more! More details to come.

Adults Only! **Space is Limited!**

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Childrens Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin Sunday, September 13th at the 10:00AM Mass. Children ages 3 years old to 6 years old will have the opportunity to learn about the word of God during the homily down in the Gathering Place.

Children Liturgy of the Word dates

- September 13
- October 4, 25
- November 8
- December 6, 20
- January 24
- February 28
- March 14
- April 25
- May 23

Crossing Guard

Crossing Guards needed in Downers Grove! \$17.50 per crossing/shift. Please contact Teresa Johnson at 331-318-9882.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

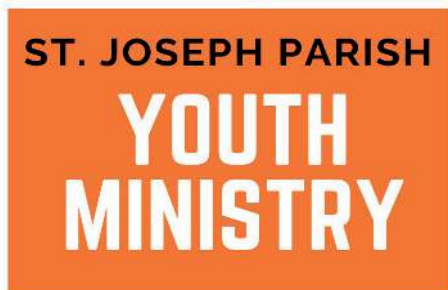
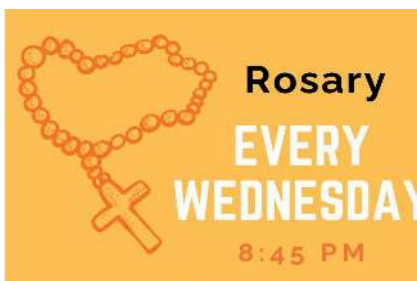
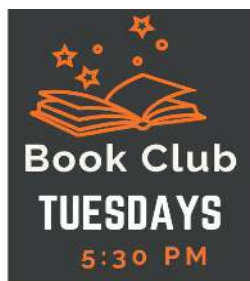
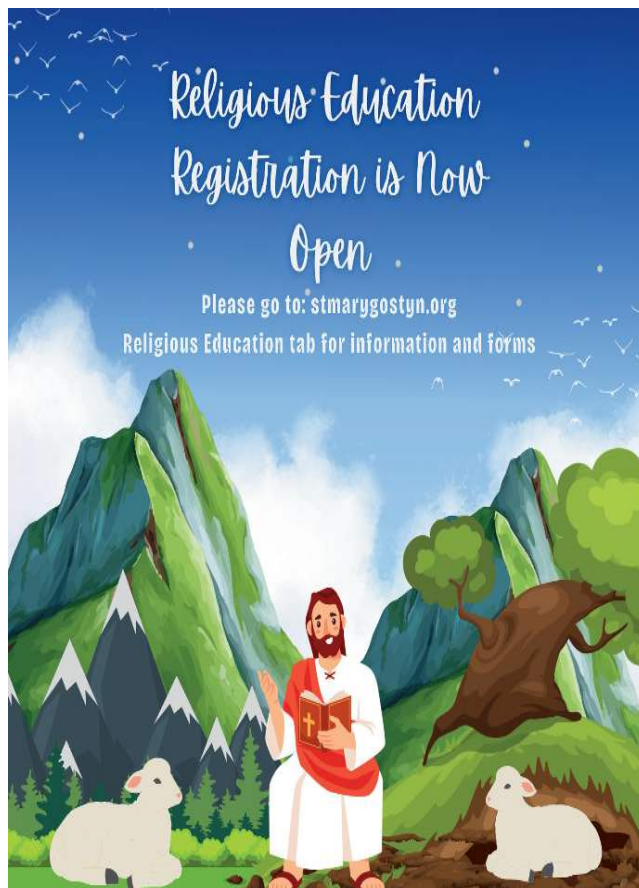


CALL FOR CATECHISTS

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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TRAILER



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

—Rev. James Field

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