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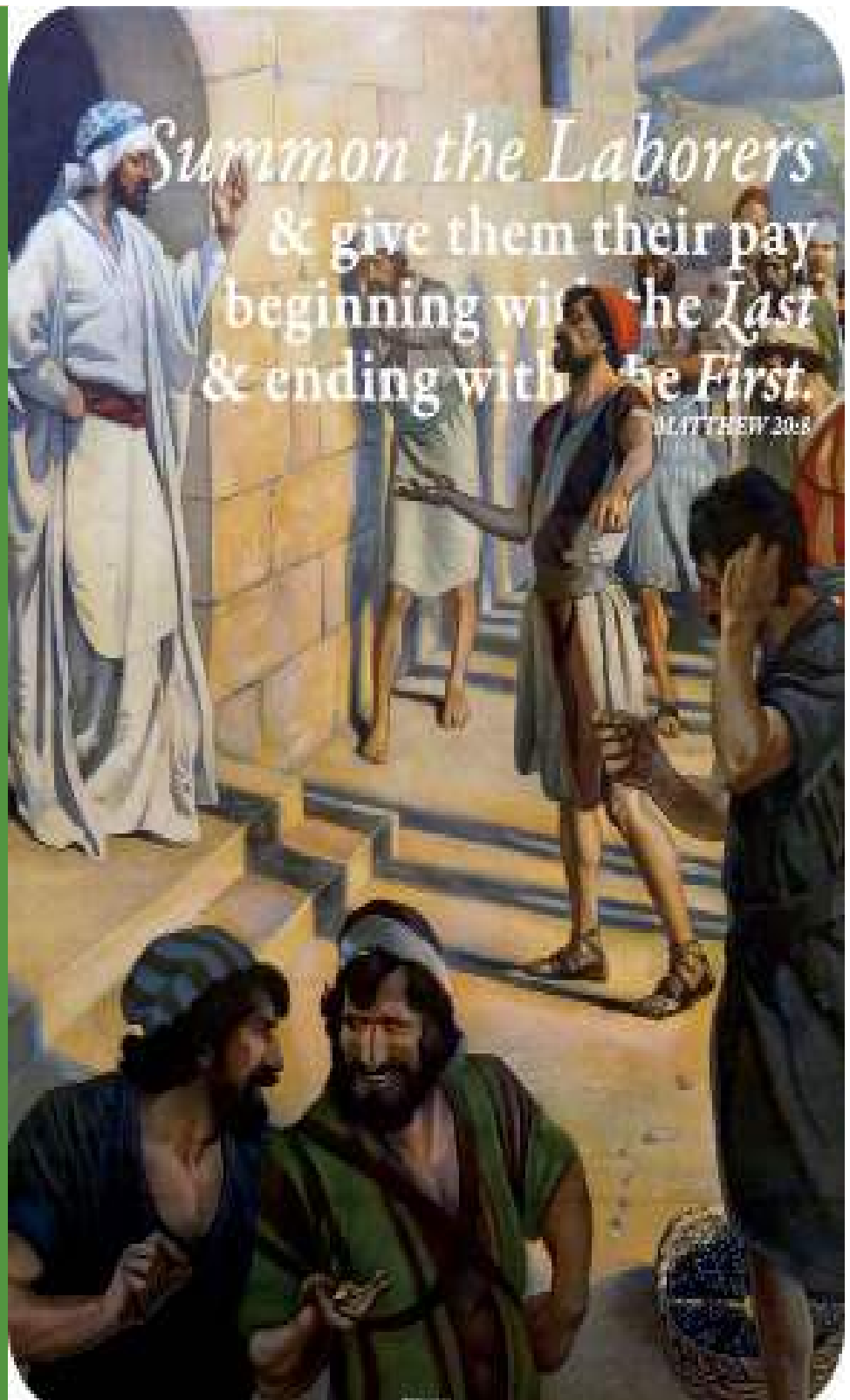
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026

Monday, September 21st
8:00 am† Maureen Toner

Tuesday, September 22nd
8:00 am† Gerome Girsch

Wednesday, September 23rd
8:00 am† Matt Selfridge

Thursday, September 24th
8:00 am† Roger Godel

Friday, September 25th
8:00 am† Gary Berley

Saturday, September 26th
4:00 pm† Margaret Stava Hroza,
Raymond & Barbara Heye

Sunday, September 27th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Liam Kollker, Dennis
Hofmaier
12:00 pm† Veronica Pimental
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.

Welcome

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

Tomas & Rebecca Slapsys

Baptism

The following children were baptized Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13, 2026 at St. Mary of Gostyn.

Luciano Vincent Comella son of Melanie & Vincent Comella
Anna Margaret Heinen daughter of Caroline & Tyler Heinen

Prayers for the Sick

Aleena Truby	Robert Truby, Sr.
Lois Bach	Kenneth Boese
Amy Robert	Arlene Kucaba
Jason Ortega	George B. Metzger
Charlene Arnold	Alice Saniat
Pual Krefft	Donald W. Johnson
Marilyn Totsi	Judith Doczor
Dan Kozor	

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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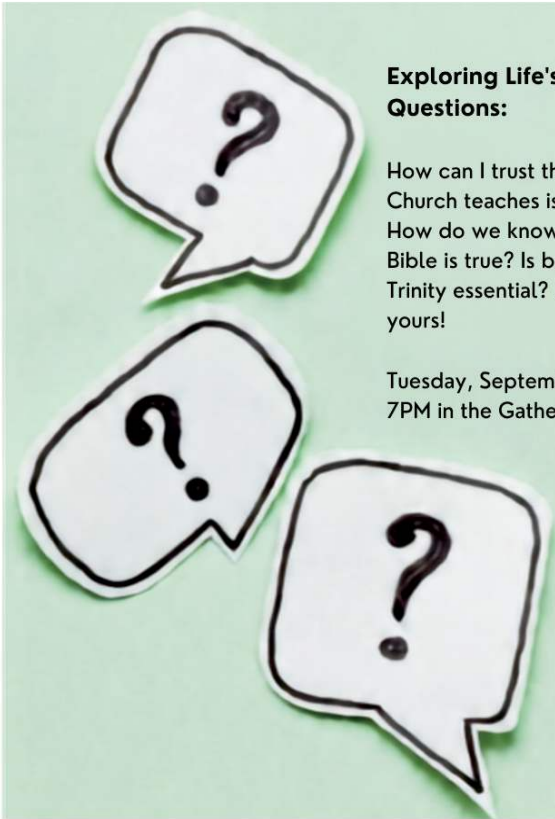
St. Vincent dePaul Society.....(630)969-1068

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Adult Faith Formation



Exploring Life's 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 29, 7PM in the Gathering Place.

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 reflection, deep thinking, and deep engagement with the faith. We 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.

Holy Hour of Adoration

Away from the noise and distractions is an opportunity for guidance, grace, healing, peace, and joy. Come for the whole hour or stop in for just a few minutes. Whether way, you are most welcome. Our Holy Hour includes Adoration and opportunity for confession.

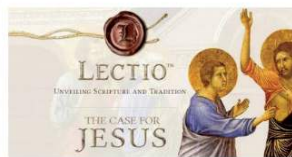
Tuesday, September 22, 7PM in Church

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 fill out an interest form. Or call the Parish Office at 630.969.1063.



Thursday AM Women's Café



Thursdays 9AM, Gathering Place.
All women are welcome!

What exactly does Salvation mean?

Through Scripture, and Catholic Tradition, our study discussions will lead to a deeply Catholic, deeply biblical answer understanding God's salvific message, powerful truth, and practical inspiration.

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!



Monday Nights 7PM, Gathering Place
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.**



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A Call to Stewardship

Monthly Collection

August 2026

Envelope Donations:	\$102,596
Online Giving:	\$ 56,995
Total Collection:	\$159,591
Collection Total to Date:	\$293,324
Collection Goal to Date:	\$285,485
Over (under) Goal:	\$ 7,839



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Grief support

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

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information please call
630.969.1063

Adults Only! Space is Limited!

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Come out and have a great time with fellow parents!

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Children's Choir

STARTING SOON!

Our parish children's choir will begin rehearsing in October!
Choir is open to students in grades 2-8
and practices on **Wednesdays, from 5:45-6:15pm** in the church.
The choir sings one Sunday a month, and on Christmas Eve.

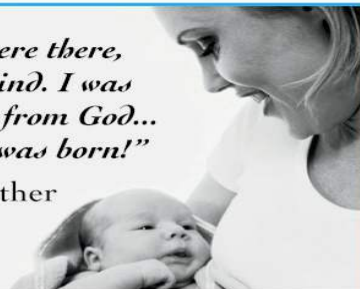
First rehearsal:
Wednesday, October 7, 5:45-6:15

Email elawrence@stmarygostyn.org
for a full calendar and to register your singer!

September 23rd - November 1st 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*"Because you were there,
I changed my mind. I was
looking for a sign from God...
and Baby David was born!"*

– David's mother



YOU can be that sign from God. Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2026 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion. Join us to pray for moms and their babies in front of Access Health abortion clinic, 1700 W. 75th St. in Downers Grove. Select the same hour to pray each week or whenever you can. 8AM to 6PM daily.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, community-based prayer vigil that asks our loving God to help bring about an end to abortion through:

**Prayer and Fasting
Constant Vigil
Community Outreach**

Over 26,546 babies lives have been saved through the prayers of people praying at a 40 Days for Life vigil. Please consider joining us for an hour of prayer this year.

The vigil starts on September 23rd. To learn more and to sign up for an hour, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

*We need your prayerful presence...
and so do the moms and babies!*

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Crossing Guard



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

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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to join us in the Gathering Place during the homily for Children's Liturgy of the Word, where they can learn about the Word of God. Second Graders should NOT participate in CLOW. Since Second grade is a two sacrament year, they should stay in church for all of Mass.

Children Liturgy of the Word dates
October 4, 18, 25




Book Club
TUESDAYS
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Rosary
EVERY WEDNESDAY
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OCT 9 THE MIX CLUB 	NOV 13 THE MIX CLUB 
OCT 16 GLOW CLUB 	NOV 20 THE MIX CLUB (SERVICE PROJECT) 
OCT 23 BLOWING NIGHT 	DEC 4 THE MIX CLUB (SERVICE PROJECT) 
OCT 30 COSTUME CLUB 	DEC 11 THE MIX CLUB CHRISTMAS THEME 

SIGN UP FOR EACH EVENT HERE!

4:30 - 5:45 PM
PARISH CENTER AT ST. ISAAC JOGUES



SCAN TO SIGN UP!

ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS WELCOME!



Social Sunday September 27th

Please join us for coffee, juice, donuts, and conversation in the Gathering Place after the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses.



**MINISTRY FAIR FOR
SEPTEMBER 27TH
HAS BEEN
CANCELED.**



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