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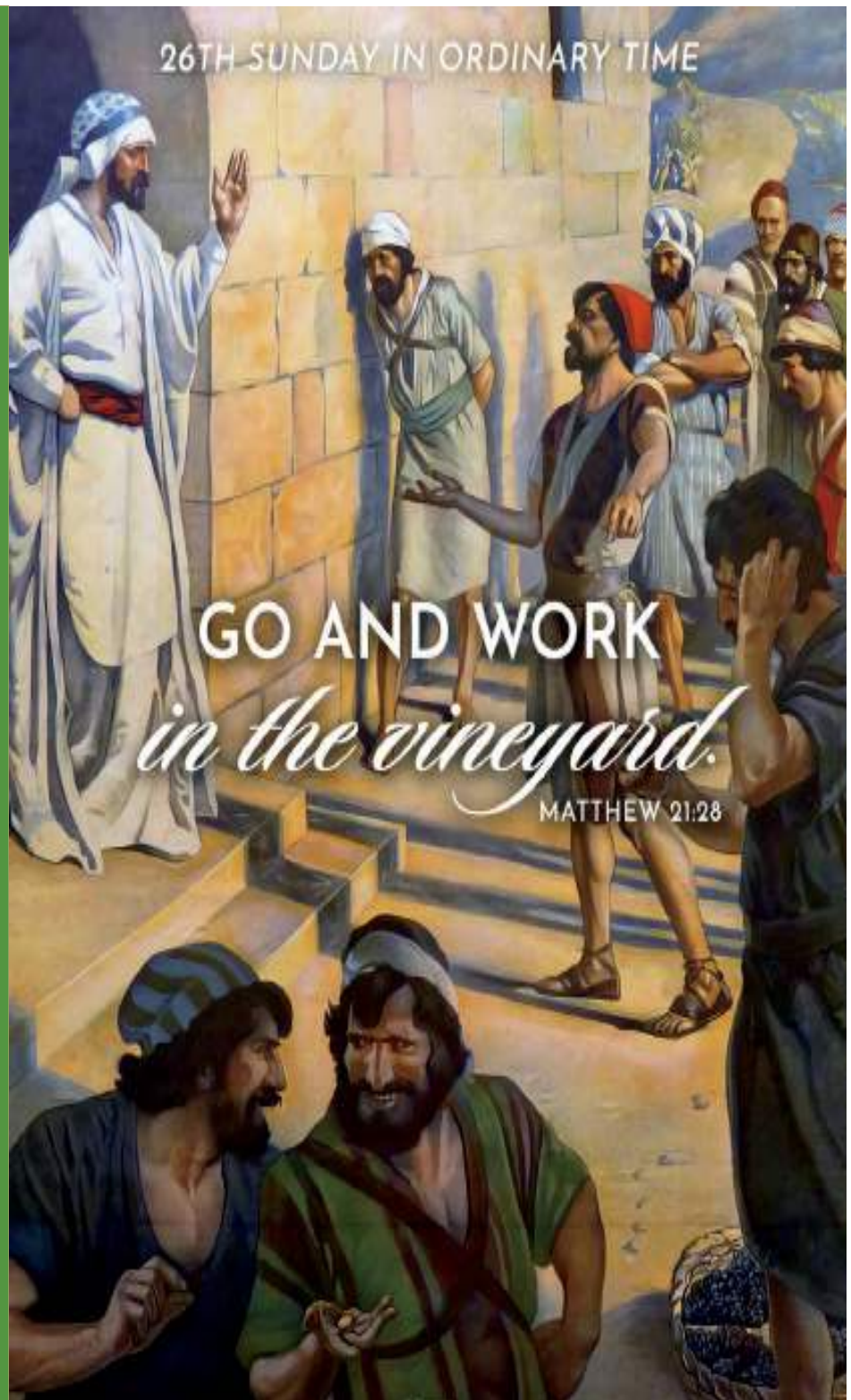
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026

Monday, September 28th
8:00 am† Matt Selfridge

Tuesday, September 29th
8:00 am† Joseph Leto, Dr. James Ertle

Wednesday, September 30th
8:00 am† Nancy Halm

Thursday, October 1st
8:00 am† Jack Malloy

Friday, October 2nd
8:00 am† Rita LaCognata, Nellie Wisla

Saturday, October 3rd
4:00 pm† Ann Graham

Sunday, October 4th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Joannie Degnan Barth
12:00 pm† Michael Oliver, Dolores Molitor
6:00 pm† Roger Godel

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.

Sympathy

Are deepest sympathy to the following family.

Christine Merten

Which of the Two
did the will of his Father?
MATTHEW 23:31



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.

Prayers for the Sick

Aleena Truby	Robert Truby, Sr.
George B. Metzger	Lois Bach
Charlene Arnold	Alice Saniat
Phil Kern	dMike Kern
Donald W. Johnson	Marilyn Totsi
Judith Koczor	Dan Kozor
Jacqueline Gammonley	Frank Davis

Prayers for the Military

Kevin Braasch	Michael Martel
Natalya Brechlin	John Svoboda
Kathleen Halloran	Isabella Czopek
Nathan Kijowski	Jack Culligan
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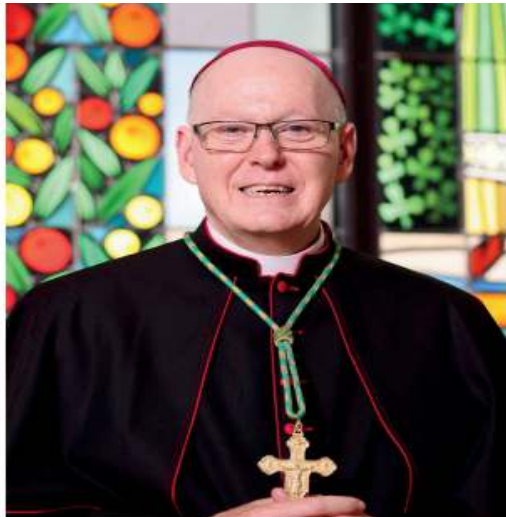
Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 27, 2026

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
Monday	Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	Memorial of Ssaint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Church Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Job 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

On September 17, 2026, Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop Brendan John Cahill as the seventh Bishop in the Diocese of Joliet. Bishop Cahill was born in Coral Gables, Fla., on Nov. 28, 1963. He is the son of Joe and Joan Cahill and the fourth of five children. His family moved to Houston in 1971. Most of his family, including his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephew live in Houston today. Bishop Cahill attended St. Cecilia Catholic School and in 1981 he graduated from St. Thomas High School.



After a year at Rice University he entered St. Mary Seminary in Houston in 1982. He also received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a Master of Divinity degree from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston on May 19, 1990, he served as parochial vicar of St. Frances Cabrini Church in Houston from 1990 to 1992, and at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Spring from 1992 to 1994. In 1994, he earned a Master of Theology degree with a specialization in African-American Catholic Studies from Xavier University, New Orleans.

Later that year, he moved to the Casa Santa Maria (North American College) in Rome to pursue further academic studies. These studies developed his knowledge and appreciation of the richness of culture in the expression of faith, and the depth of thought of the theologians and bishops involved in the Second Vatican Council. He earned a Licentiate degree in Dogmatic

Theology in 1996 and a Doctorate in Fundamental Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1999. He speaks English, Spanish, and Italian, with a working knowledge of the Latin, French, and German languages. Upon his return from Rome, he moved to St. Mary Seminary in Houston where he served as formation director from 1998 to 2001, and as rector from 2001 to 2010.

During this time, he taught at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology and ministered at the Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. He was the Director of the Secretariat for Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services and Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston from 2010-2015. From September 2014 to June 2015 he was the administrator of St. Joseph Church in Houston. Throughout his years of service in Houston he was involved with several boards and organizations, which included the National Federation of Priests' Councils; University of St. Thomas; William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies; Paradisus Dei; Anti-Defamation League Coalition of Mutual Respect; Adore Ministries; and Gratia Plena Counseling. He is a Magisterial Chaplain of the Order of Malta and a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

He was the spiritual director of the Houston Senatus of the Legion of Mary, chaplain to the Houston Serra Club and chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Galveston-Houston Chapter. In addition, he was a monthly co-host on "A Show of Faith" radio show with a Baptist minister and a rabbi on KNTH 1070 in Houston, a weekly celebrant of Mass for the Missionaries of Charity and a monthly celebrant for Casa Juan Diego during his ministry in Galveston-Houston.

On June 29, 2015, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo ordained Bishop Brendan as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas. Bishop David Fellhauer and Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza were co-consecrators. Since becoming the Bishop of Victoria, he joined the Communities of Faith in Victoria with other Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders and has been an active supporter of the Gulf Bend Center Coalition for Mental Health.

Bishop Brendan has served as a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) subcommittee on African-American Affairs. Since July 1, 2017, he has served as the Bishop Promoter for the Apostleship of the Sea in the United States. He currently is the chairman of the USCCB subcommittee for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers. He is the chair-elect for the USCCB Committee for Migration. He serves on the boards of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, and the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

Adult Faith Formation



Exploring Life's Burning Questions:

**If God is good, why this
Mess? Why is there evil?
Can I trust God?**

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 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.



Caring for Caregivers through Every Stage

We see you as you manage your loved one's emerging needs: picking up medicines, attending doctor visits, or giving more intensive care as additional concerns develop. **You are not alone.**

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.

In addition to our in-person support group, there are many resources available through our St. Mary's site, Nourish tab. There's even a free membership to a portal with abundant resources and links, prayers, and reflections. All created with you, a caregiver, in mind.



Tuesday, October 6, 7PM In Church
Holy Hour will include Adoration and Benediction, as well as opportunity for Individual Confession.

Building A Foundation for a Flourishing Life

The strong foundation of our Catholic faith emphasizes that morality is not relative or subjective but rooted in human dignity and truth. Guest speaker Venus Wozniak, explores how the conscience, properly formed through Scripture, prayer, and Church teaching, helps us discern right from wrong and how virtues strengthen our ability to choose the good.

Not-to-be-missed guest speaker Venus Wozniak, Associate Director of Mission & Ministry Lewis University.

St. Mary's Men's Group



Monday, Sept. 28, 7PM, Gathering Place.
All men 18+ are always welcome.

Something amazing is happening on Monday nights!

Monday Night Football! All men 18+ are invited to watch the Bears take on the Eagles. Food, fellowship and a great Monday Night Match-Up. Never been to St. Mary's Men's Group? This gathering is a perfect one to give it a try- bring a friend or meet a new one there. You'll be glad you came!



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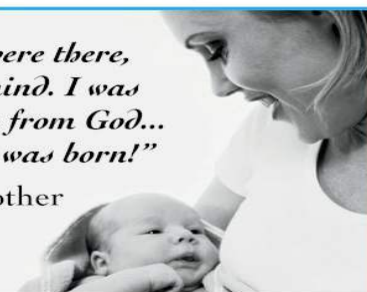


September 23rd - November 1st

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— 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
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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

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Teresa Johnson at 331-318-9882.



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!

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




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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 BOWLING NIGHT (\$15.00- Food Included) 	DEC 4 THE MIX CLUB (SERVICE PROJECT) 
OCT 30 COSTUME CLUB 	DEC 11 THE MIX CLUB CHRISTMAS THEME 

SIGN UP FOR EACH EVENT HERE!  **SCAN TO SIGN UP!**

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

ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS WELCOME! 

**Social Sunday
September 27th
hosted by
The Knights of Columbus**

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



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



ANNUAL PET BLESSING

The Pet blessing will take place in the parking lot on Sunday, October 4 at 1:30PM.

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