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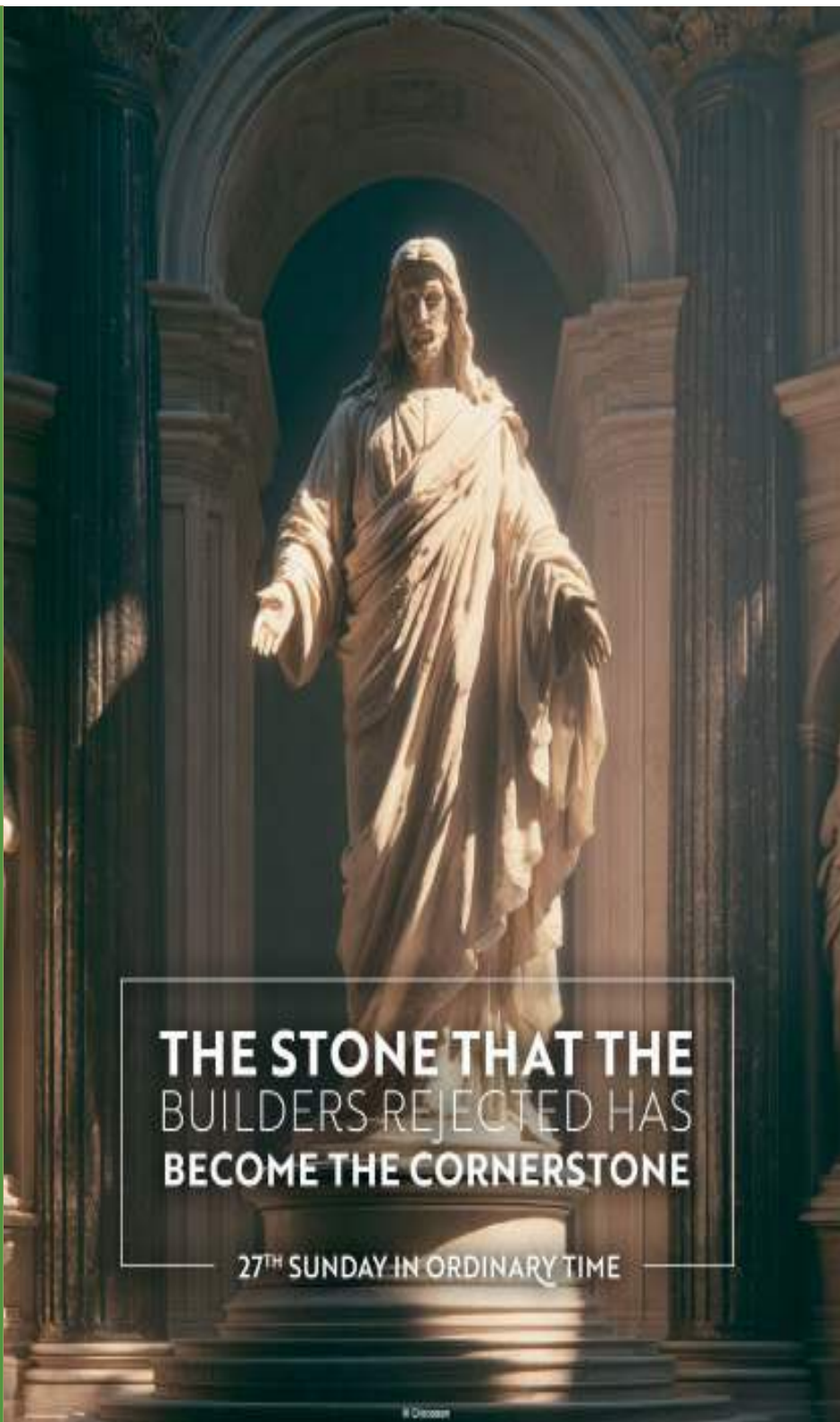
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Mass Schedule  
Saturday Vigil for Sunday  
4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am  
12:00pm, 6:00pm  
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



**THE STONE THAT THE  
BUILDERS REJECTED HAS  
BECOME THE CORNERSTONE**

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 4, 2026**

Monday, October 5th  
8:00 am† Michael &  
Nancy McNicholas

Tuesday, October 6th  
8:00 am† Robert J McMahon

Wednesday, October 7th  
8:00 am† Carmen Giannini

Thursday, October 8th  
8:00 am† John Walsh &  
Annette Sparkis

Friday, October 9th  
8:00 am† JoAnn Rodi

Saturday, October 10th  
4:00 pm† Eleanor Zubcic

Sunday, October 11th  
8:00 am† William Wallis, Jr.  
10:00 am† The People of the Parish  
12:00 pm† Garry Kornack  
6:00 pm† Matt Selfridge & Julie Barcy

### 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. |
| George B. Metzger    | Lois Bach         |
| Charlene Arnold      | Alice Saniat      |
| Phil Kern            | Mike Kern         |
| Donald W. Johnson    | Marilyn Totsi     |
| Judith Koczor        | Dan Kozor         |
| Jacqueline Gammonley | Frank Davis       |

### Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families..

Susan Baldwin  
Denise DeWitt  
Barbara Tulo  
Peggy Crohan  
Kevin Bandur

### Baptism

The following children were baptized Saturday, September 27, 2026 at St. Mary of Gostyn.

**Connor Alvin Pedersen** son of Andrew & Eileen Pedersen  
**Atlas Apollo Jose Schaffer** son of Bradley & Carla Shaffer  
**Elena Camille Thimmig** daughter of Samuel & Kelsey Thimmig

### 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 to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Anna Rettig



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.

### Parish | School Staff

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### Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 4, 2026

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

Monday Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary  
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

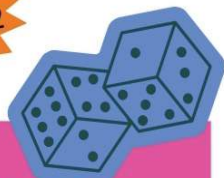
Saturday Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

# Adult Faith Formation

## BUNCO BASH

THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 12



Bring your friends, your good vibes, and get ready to roll the dice! And for a good cause - free will offering to support our St Vincent de Paul Society & Food Pantry.



7:00 - 9:00  
DOORS  
OPEN AT  
6:45PM

We'll provide the snacks  
BYO the fun!  
Register for full details



BUNCO

BONDING

BLESSINGS



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 every day.

Vibrant and dynamic, guest speaker Venus Wozniak is the Associate Director of Mission & Ministry Lewis University.

### 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 caring for another, caregivers often neglect their own well-being. By bolstering our spiritual tools, we can find the resilience we need to keep going, and actually thrive, while caring for another. Our next in-person gathering will explore this topic, Our Faith and the Spiritual Tools to Fuel Us, and meets Wed. Oct. 14 at 2PM in the Gathering Place.

### Our Faith, and the Spiritual Tools to Fuel Us



### St. Mary's Men's Group



Monday, Oct. 5, 7PM, Gathering Place.  
All men 18+ are always welcome.

### 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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Join Be Formed, in groups here at St. Mary's or in  
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OCT 11TH - 7:30AM - 12:30PM

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St. Mary of Gostyn

# RESPECT LIFE *Ministry*

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## A JOURNEY OF FAITH

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION  
IN THE PRO LIFE MOVEMENT

*Save The date*

Thursday, October 15  
In the Gathering Place

This guest speaker event is being offered  
by St. Mary's Respect Life ministry during  
October, Respect Life Month.

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**World Mission Sunday**  
**October 18, 2026**

There will be a second collection on  
Sunday, October 18, 2026 for World  
Mission Sunday. The basket will be  
passed only once. Thank you for  
your generosity.



## 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](mailto: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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**Wednesday,  
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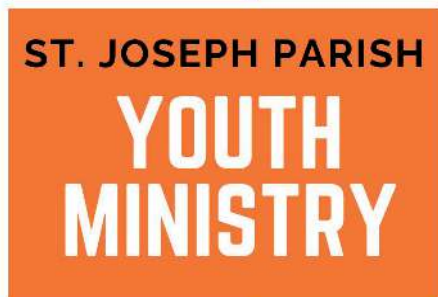
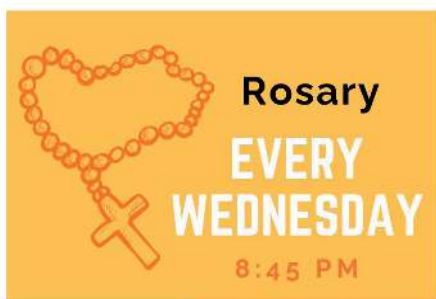
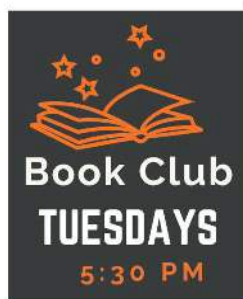
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| <b>OCT 2</b>  | THE MIX OUTDOOR FUN                     | <b>NOV 2</b>  | THE MIX CLUB                   |
| <b>OCT 9</b>  | THE MIX CLUB                            | <b>NOV 13</b> | THE MIX CLUB                   |
| <b>OCT 16</b> | GLOW CLUB                               | <b>NOV 20</b> | THE MIX CLUB (SERVICE PROJECT) |
| <b>OCT 23</b> | BOWLING NIGHT (\$15.00 - Food Included) | <b>DEC 4</b>  | THE MIX CLUB (SERVICE PROJECT) |
| <b>OCT 30</b> | COSTUME CLUB                            | <b>DEC 11</b> | 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 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WELCOME!**



#### ANNUAL PET BLESSING

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

#### Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) October 4

When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it.

—Peter Scagnelli

#### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY October 7

In 1571 Pope Pius V instituted "Our Lady of Victory" as an annual feast to commemorate a victorious naval battle near Lepanto, Greece. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the title of this feast day to "Feast of the Holy Rosary." In 1969, Pope Paul VI changed the name of the feast to "Our Lady of the Rosary." Prayer to Our Lady now focuses more on peace than on military victory.





# OPEN HOUSE



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Placement Test Date - Saturday, December 5, 2026 - 8:30AM  
 (Practice Test - Wednesday, December 2nd at 7PM)

# OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026**  
**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

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