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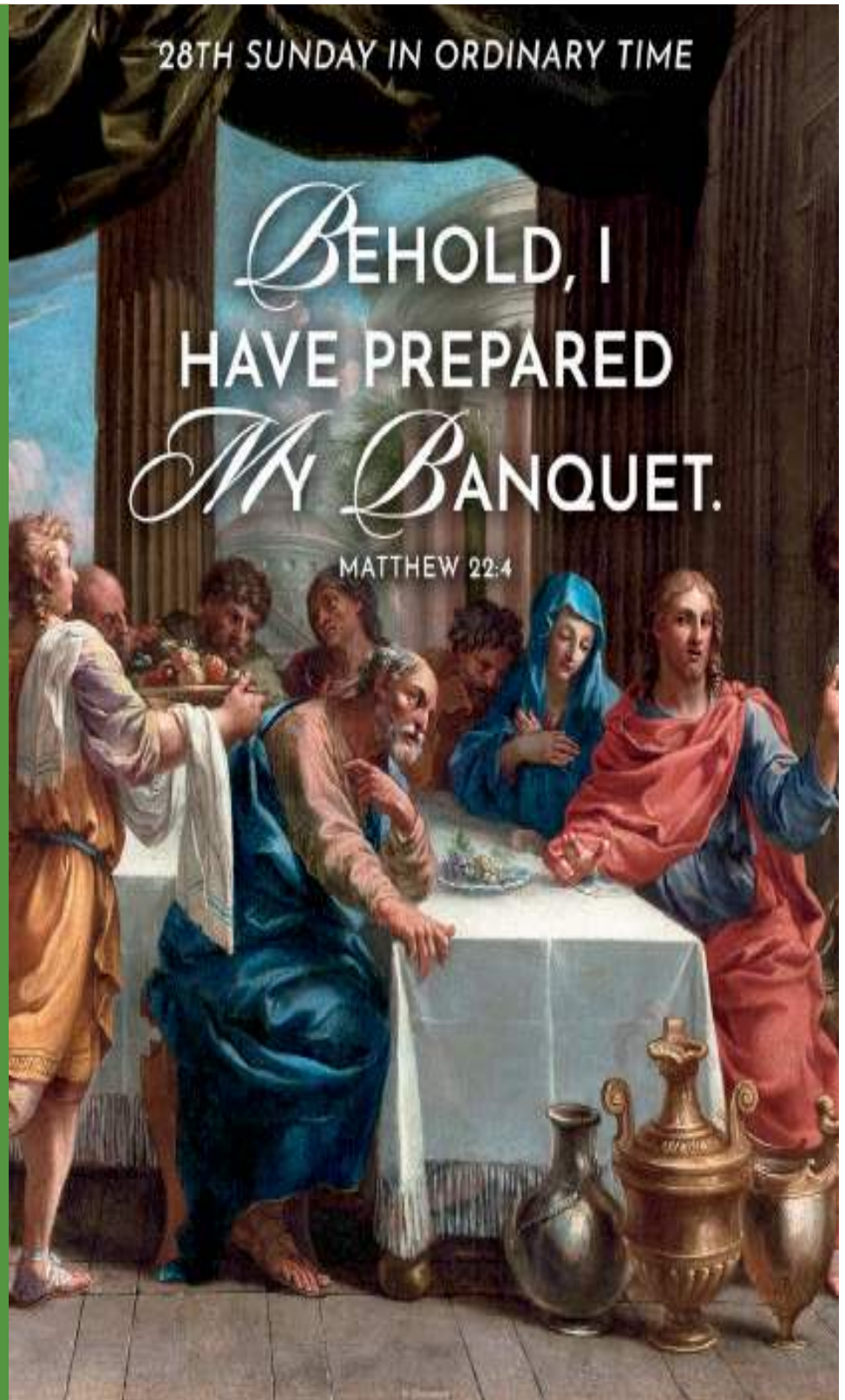
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026

Monday, October 12th
8:00 am† Drega Brkie

Tuesday, October 13th
8:00 am† Gene Krok & Martin O'Toole

Wednesday, October 14th
8:00 am† Cal & Lola Rickerd

Thursday, October 15th
8:00 am† Mark R. Volin

Friday, October 16th
8:00 am† Anna Giannini

Saturday, October 17th
4:00 pm† Maurice Doyle &
Nicholas V. Schroeder

Sunday, October 18th
8:00 am† The People of the Parish
10:00 am† Anne Grahias
10:00 am† James Myers
12:00 pm (Living) Dexter Crudo
6:00 pm† Matt Selfridge

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
Mary Kern	

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the following families.

Diane Jakosz
Catherine Gleason Specht
Donald Van Dyke
Bonnie Oros

DIocese of JOLIET 
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.

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.

Zachary & Julianne Pressley
Anna Christine Rettig
Jose & Rebecca Gomez



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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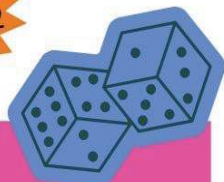
For the Week of October 11, 2026

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
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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

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



Putting Faith into Action

The monthly St. Mary's PADS Gift Card drives for the homeless are a tremendous support to the clients staying at the PADS Interim Housing Center (IHC) in Downers Grove.

Did you know? Approximately 300 individuals are housed at the IHC each evening. 1/3 of the guests at the IHC are children, mostly under the age of 5, and another 1/3 are seniors, mostly over the age of 60. When a client at the IHC receives a gift card, it reminds them that others in the community care about them and are willing to help.



PADS GIFT CARD DRIVE

The most needed gift cards, in increments of \$10, \$20 or \$30, are from Walmart, Target, Ross, Aldi, Walgreens, Dollar Tree, and all types of Gas Cards. Fri, Oct. 16, 5-6:00 PM in the parking lot.

St. Mary's Men's Group



Please note: Due to the Columbus Day Holiday, there is no St. Mary's Men's Group on October 12. The next gathering will be Monday, October 19, 7PM in the GP. All men 18+ are welcome.

Thurs. AM Women's CAFE

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 the 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! Thursdays at 9AM in the Gathering Place.



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!

VISIT BEFORMED.NET TO LEARN MORE
AND TO REGISTER

Join Be Formed, in groups here at St. Mary's or in
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!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CLOTHING DRIVE

DATES: OCT 10TH 2:30PM - 5:15PM
OCT 11TH - 7:30AM - 12:30PM

CLOTHING/LINENS ONLY

Clothing - Adult, children & baby
Coats & Jackets
Purses & Backpacks
Shoes & Boots
Bedding, Linens & Towels
TRUCK- WILL BE LOCATED AT
FAR EAST END OF SMG PARKING
LOT



SORRY NO TELEVISIONS OR COMPUTERS
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NO TOYS

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St. Mary of Gostyn

RESPECT LIFE *Ministry*

Presents

A JOURNEY OF FAITH

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION
IN THE PRO LIFE MOVEMENT

Thursday, October 15
7:00 PM

In the Gathering Place

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

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

*Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/a-a-v-e.*

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her.

**Reassure her
that she is
not alone.**

Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Playground Project *Update*

Exciting Progress for Our SMG Students!

Our school community is reimagining our playground and play space to create a safe, engaging, and vibrant environment for all of our students—from preschool through 8th grade.



\$225,000
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\$100,000
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Double your impact!
The Love Like Sean Foundation will match every dollar raised, up to \$100,000.



A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

New play structures, expanded play space, and improved multi-use areas for our students.



The moment our students spend here may be brief,
BUT THE MEMORIES THEY MAKE WILL LEAVE A LEGACY OF PLAY.

As planning has progressed, much-needed drainage improvements have increased the overall scope and cost of the project, but these improvements are essential to creating a safe, functional, and lasting space for our students.



To learn more about the playground project, please contact Gabriella Senese-Burns at gsenese-burns@stmarygostyn.org.



St. MARY OF GOSTYN
McTeacher's Night



20% of all food sales benefit St Mary's!
100% of cookie sales benefit the school!

Wednesday,
October 21st
4:30-6:30pm
225 Ogden
Downers Grove



THE MIX

RISE IN FAITH. RISE IN FRIENDSHIP. RISE TOGETHER.

OCT 2	THE MIX OUTDOOR FUN	NOV 2	THE MIX CLUB
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!

Adults Only! **Space is Limited!**

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Come out and have a great time with fellow parents!

All ticket sales count towards the suggested family contribution.

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

\$50 PER PERSON

PICKLED! WOODRIDGE

6:00PM - 8:00PM

7250 WOODWARD AVE, WOODRIDGE

Nancy's IS DONATING THE PIZZA!

Scan Now!

Register at: smgpickleball26.givesmart.com

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 18, 25
November 8**



OCTOBER 12, 2026

THE SCHOOL, PARISH, AND ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED ON COLUMBUS DAY, AND MASS WILL BE AT 8 AM.

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN SMG

Community Faith Fun

TRUNK or TREAT & CHILI TO EAT

A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON FOR OUR SMG COMMUNITY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 **2:30 - 4:30 PM** **SMG PARKING LOT DOWNERS GROVE, IL**

\$50 PER FAMILY

FOOD • FUN • COMMUNITY • ALL ARE WELCOME!

 OUR CHILI CONTEST <i>Taste. Vote. Cheer!</i>	 TRUNKS TO VISIT AND DONATE YOUR CANDY <i>Spooky Fun for a Sweet Cause!</i>	 SKUDDLEBUTTS <i>Grilling Up Hot Dogs!</i>	 DONUT TRUCK <i>A Sweet Treat for Everyone!</i>
 DASH OF DUST Sparkle Bar! GLITTER • STYLE • FUN	 TAP ART • CRAFT STUDIO <i>Get Creative!</i> ART • CRAFT • IMAGINATION	 NINJA SQUAD GYM <i>Mini Ninja Challenge!</i> CLIMB • PLAY • HAVE A BLAST!	

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 (Practice Test - Wednesday, December 2nd at 7PM)



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