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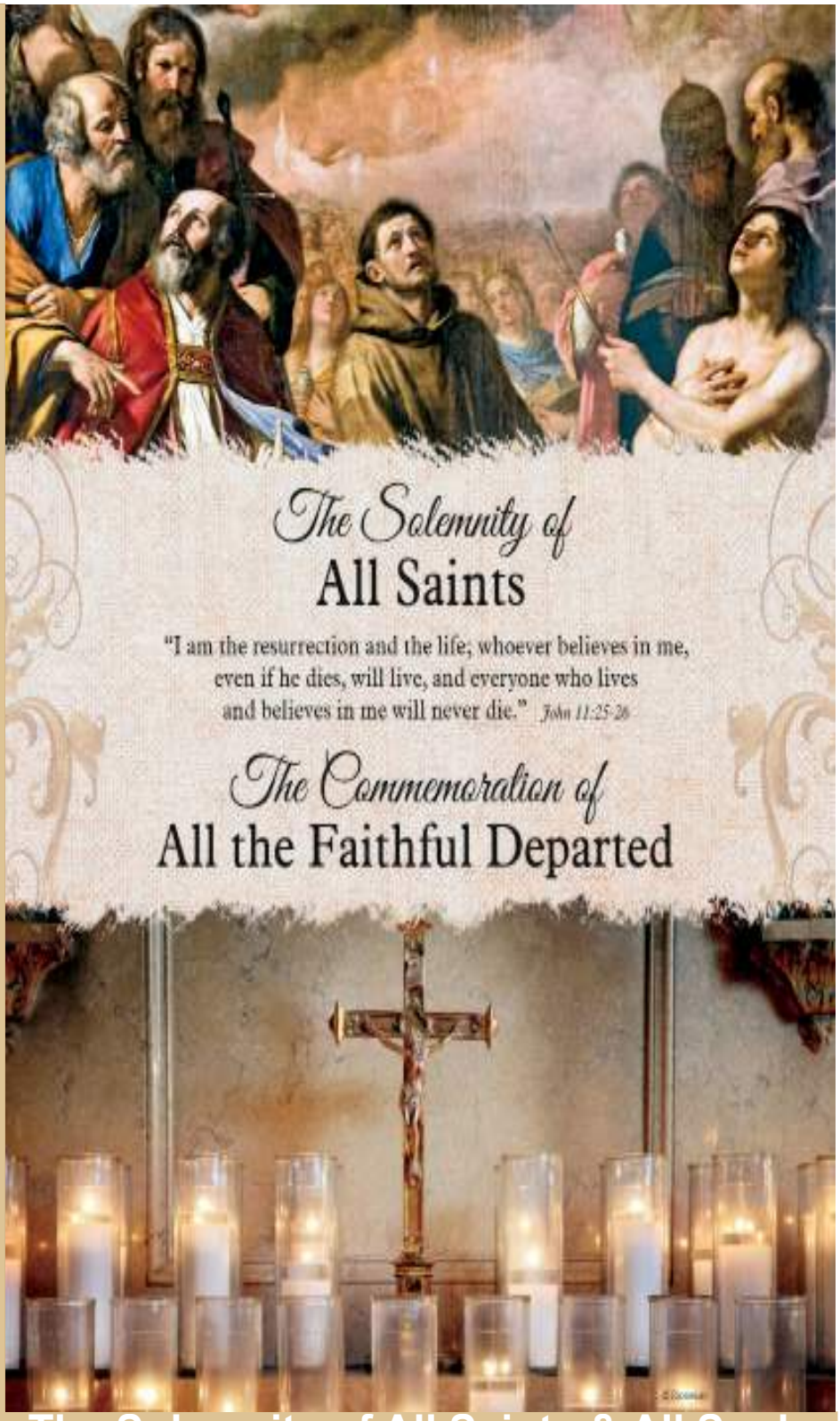
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
12:00pm, 6:00pm
Monday-Friday.....8:00am

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 Solemnity of All Saints & All Souls
November 1, 2026

Monday, November 2nd
8:00 am† David Shannon

Tuesday, November 3rd
8:00 am† Paul Bien &
Betty Kolpa

Wednesday, November 4th
8:00 am† Mary Maloney

Thursday, November 5th
8:00 am† Annette Martel

Friday, November 6th
8:00 am† Deceased members of the
LaCognata Family

Saturday, November 7th
4:00 pm† Pat Tyburski &
Carl & Nancy Sterr

Sunday, November 8th
8:00 am† Krzysztof Matyja
10:00 am† The People of the Parish
12:00 pm† Betty Kolpa
6:00 pm† Eleanor Zubcic

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	Phil Kern
Donald W. Johnson	Mike Kern
Marilyn Totsi	Judith Koczor
Dan Kozor	Frank Davis
Marilyn Gaughan	Mary Kern
Skip Szot	Bill LeBeau
Marie Rossi	Mary Durkin

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Graham Peter Westergaard son of Jamieson & Laura Westergaard
Maria Robin Witt daughter of Matthew & Jessica Witt
Sofia Grace Ginex daughter of Joseph & Grace Ginex
McKenna Marie Kangas daughter of Mark & Megan Kangas
Sofia Marie Bazile daughter of Anthony & Stephanie Bazile

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Tyler & Meghan Bomba

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



Scripture Readings
For the Week of November 1, 2026

Sunday	Solemnity of All Saints Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Monday	The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

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Adult Faith Formation

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12



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

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What or who is the Holy Spirit?
What does the Holy Spirit actually do?
What is prayer?
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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. **Come with your questions. Grow in your faith. Tuesday, November 3, 7PM in the Gathering Place.**

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Are you a fan or a follower? Move from being just one of the crowd to a real follower of Jesus Christ. This video discussion series presented by Father Columba Jordan CFR, focuses on essential aspects of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus: prayer, Sacraments, ongoing formation, Catholic community, and personal witness. Begins Nov. 9.

Care for the Caregiver

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Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences, and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view. Next gathering Wed. Nov. 11, 2PM in the GP.

Thursday AM Women's CAFE

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.

Christmas Presents for Kentucky

Since 1986, St. Mary of Gostyn has generously provided Christmas presents for children in Appalachia. As we have done in the past few years, we ask that if you would like to receive a name, or would like more information, please e-mail us at ltnministry1@gmail.com or call Deacon Al at (630) 969-1063 ext. 704 or Nancy Babel (630) 852-2692. If you do send an e-mail, please include your full name, the number of children you wish to buy for, your phone number and mailing address.

The gift of New Clothing consists of a pair of jeans, socks, underwear, a winter hat and a shirt or sweatshirt. For some of the children this may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

The gifts may be dropped off at the Parish Center, 445 Prairie Avenue, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday, November 16 through Thursday, November 19 to Deacon Al's attention. We will also be collecting the presents at 5817 Webster in Downers Grove on Sunday, November 22 from 9:30 AM 12:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary's PADS – Thank you and Update

The PADS Gift Card Drive on Friday, October 16 was amazing! We collected over $2000 worth of gift cards to support our homeless neighbors living at the Interim Housing Center (IHC) in Downers Grove.

Gift cards are a tremendous support to the approximately 300 individuals housed at the IHC. One third of the guests at the IHC are children, many under the age of 5, and another third 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. The goal for all clients at the IHC is to live independently, in a home of their own. Your support helps them move closer to that goal.

The gift cards are also used to help support those neighbors who reside in over 150 Permanent Supportive Housing units throughout the county. This financial support helps them cover their day-to-day expenses and become self-sufficient.

Special thanks go to the 7th and 8th grade students in Religious Education and SMG school! It was wonderful to see so many young people stop by to drop off cards! Our Confirmation students have also created and donated Care Packs which include Q Tips, cotton balls, cough drops, band aids, baby wipes, and tissues. Kudos to our young students!

St. Mary's PADS continues to provide dinner at the IHC for clients once a month, in collaboration with Divine Savior and the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Divine Providence. We are truly blessed at St. Mary's to be part of such a caring community.

Thank you for your continuing support of those less fortunate.

All Saints' November 1 & All Souls' November 2



Saturday, October 31, 4:00 PM Mass, and Sunday, November 1, regularly scheduled Masses (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 6:00 PM) will be for All Saints' Day.
On Monday, November 2, there will be an 8:00 AM Mass and a 7:00 PM Mass for All Souls' Day.
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) with names read of all the deceased who had funerals at our Parish this year, will be at the Monday 7:00 PM Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas 2026 Adopt-A-Family
Saturday, December 12, 2026

Adopt-A-Family is a Christmas outreach program for needy families. Typically, we have about 40 families from the Downers Grove area and 60 families from our sister parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Joliet. If you wish to participate, your family purchases a new Christmas gift valued at a minimum of $30 for each member of your adopted family (a family gift wish list will be provided to you), along with a grocery gift card for the Christmas meal.

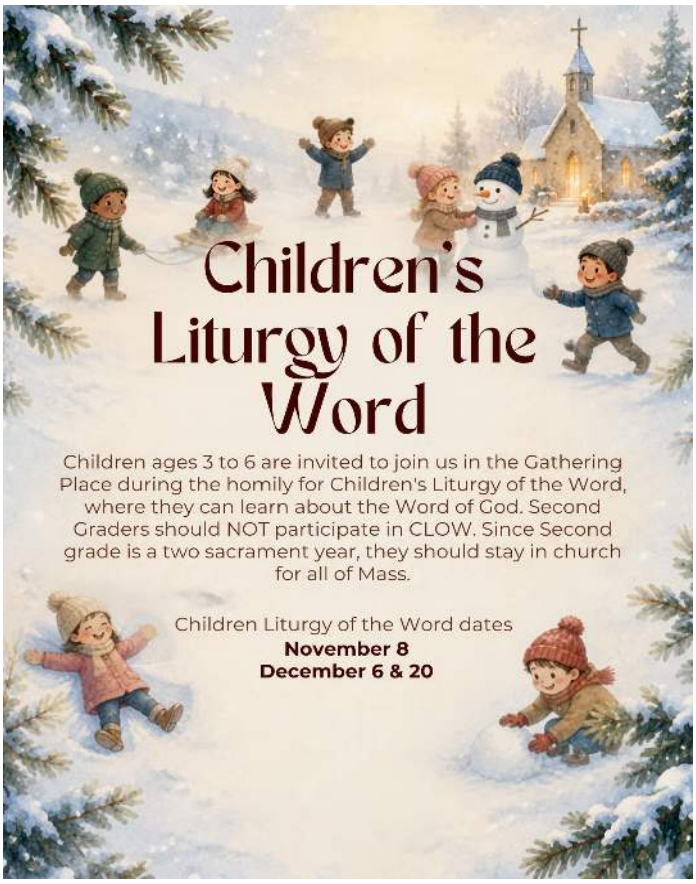
We welcome extended families, school groups, religious education classes, scout troops, office groups, neighborhoods, and others to participate.

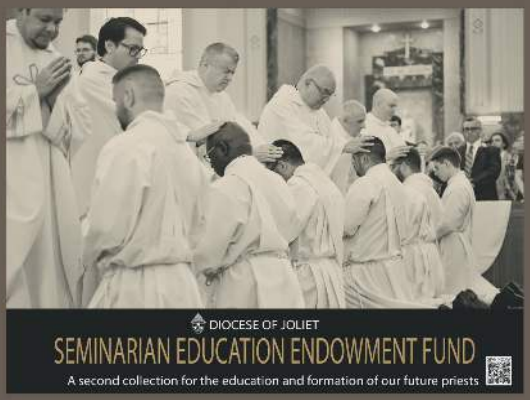
How to Get Involved
First, consider the size of the family that you would like to adopt. Family sizes available for adoption range from a single person (1) up to families of 10 or more.

Sign up will be by email or telephone.
For more information or to sign up, please email Cathy and Ihor Hlohowskyj at ihorcathy@sbcglobal.net or call (or text) 630-290-3447.

Once you've signed up, information about your adopted family will be provided either by email and/or mail.
Schedule
Sign-up: Beginning Nov 1 until all families are adopted.
Gift Drop-off: Saturday, Dec 12, 2026 from 8-10AM at SMG.
(Early drop-off dates will be available upon request).







THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS FUND WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7-8. THE BASKET WILL BE PASSED ONE TIME ONLY. GIFTS WILL BE INVESTED IN AN ENDOWMENT SPECIFICALLY FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION.

Anointing of the Sick within the Mass



"Like all the Sacraments, Anointing of the Sick is both a liturgical and communal celebration...It is very fitting to celebrate it within the Eucharist, the memorial of the Lord's Passover" (CCC 1517, 1520).

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for baptized members of the Christian faithful who have reached the age of reason who face a serious illness or surgery or who are impaired by old age. The Order of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. One may celebrate the Sacrament many times if needed for strength and healing in mind, body, and spirit. In this Sacrament of Anointing, Christ strengthens our faith and bestows God's grace in a time of anxiety and pain.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within the Mass on Sunday, November 15 at 8AM Mass.

SCHOOL NEWS

Playground Project Update

Exciting Progress for Our SMG Students!

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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.**

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November 1, 2026
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