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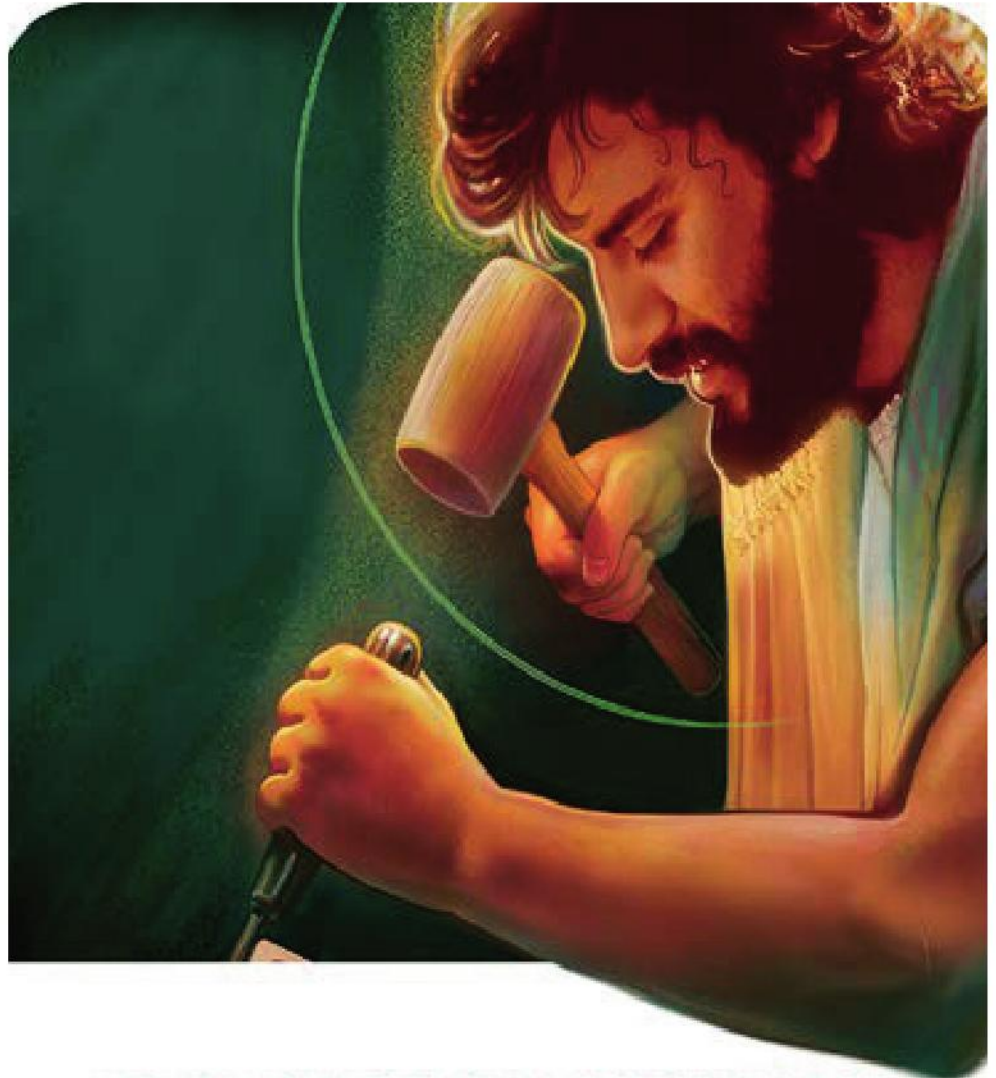
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday..8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm, 6:00pm

Monday-Friday.....8:00am

Confessions
Saturday.....8:30am-9:30am
Holy Hour on Tuesday 7:00pm
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.



IS THIS NOT THE CARPENTER
THE SON OF MARY?



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 7, 2024

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday, July 8th

8:00 am
† Anne Caprini

Tuesday, July 9th

8:00 am
† Bob Irwin

Wednesday, July 10th

8:00 am
† Irene M. Ell

Thursday, July 11th

8:00 am
† Peter & Marilyn Zubak

Friday, July 12th

8:00 am
† Deceased Members
of the Huene and Lally Families

Saturday, July 13th

4:00 pm
† Adrienne Stefka

Sunday, July 14th

8:00 am
† Mary Buchler

10:00 am

† Mary Fran Dite

12:00 pm

† Kay Selfridge

† Thomas Twardzik

6:00 pm
People of the Parish

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Steven Stirn

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn
Robert & Amy Fitzgerald
Keith & Leah Kucia

Prayers for the Sick

John Mika
Sue Conrad
Sharon Kling
Lois Bach
Nicole Moyer
Charlene Oliver
Barb LeBreton
Kenneth Twardzik
Mary Kalins
Rose Jaskula
Baby Cameron
Emily Torres
Patricia Finn
Skip Castaldo
William Gunther
Pryce Russell
Gail Earley
John Sommer
David Vanderway
Philip Kern

Names will automatically be
removed after four weeks.

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

Parish/School Staff

Terri O'Dekirk.....Director of Development
Ed Ahern.....Facilities Director
Annabelle Tumlos..Business Manager
Kelly Johnson.....Adult Faith Formation
Jennifer Liszka.....Director of Religious Education
Erin Lawrence.....Music Director
LeAnne Brown.....Parish Administrative Assistant
Christine Kalal.....School Principal
Audrey Krueger....Assist Principal/Co-Athletic Director
Juli Majchrzak.....Marketing Director
St. Vincent dePaul Society....(630)969-1068

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 7, 2024

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 3, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6
Monday	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7- 15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Henry Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9 -10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Adult Faith Formation

ETERNAL REST

Exploring the mystery of death & dying.

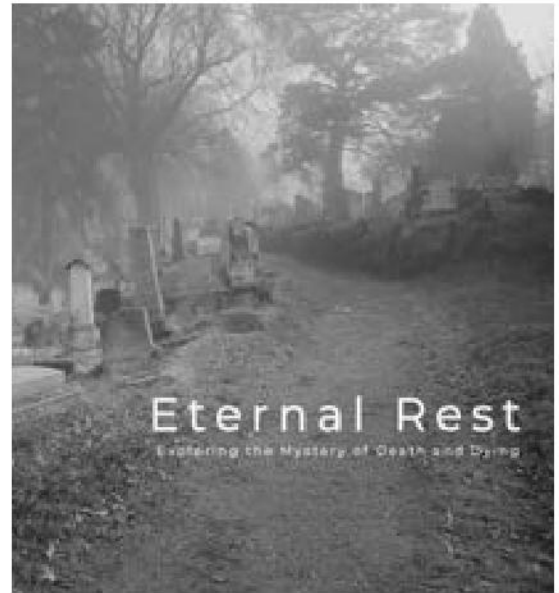
Can't we talk about something more pleasant?!!

It's the talk we all often avoid, but death is something that will happen to all of us, some sooner than later. So, how do we prepare for a reality we cannot escape?

Death remains with us, and it numbers our days. In these sessions, we will examine the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Eternal Rest presents the Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion.

This four-part series is ideal for anyone looking to prepare for their own death, or the death of a loved one, as the program learnings and discussion keep a steady gaze on the promises of Jesus Christ.

Wednesdays in July, beginning July 10th at 2PM. Registration required, either online or call the Parish Center office at 630.969.1063.



NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL



Each time we receive the Bread of Life, Jesus comes to give new meaning to our fragilities... Above all he heals us from those fragilities that we cannot heal on our own, with love.



Pope Francis
Angelus Address, June 6, 2024

A MARRIAGE MINUTE

The baby's crying, the dog is whining, and you need to leave for work in five minutes. Finding time for prayer can seem impossible. Amid the busyness of family life, how can one respond to God's ongoing invitation to speak with and listen to Him? Here are three pointers to help you do just that.

1. **Pray as you can, not as you can't.** God calls most Christians to an active life in the world, with family, work and community responsibilities. Such a call, while holy, does not usually allow for long periods of prayer and reflection. Lay people can become discouraged when they try to pray like a cloistered contemplative. Be realistic about what's possible.
2. **Pray as a family.** Build upon rituals such as grace before meals. In addition to the usual "Bless us, O Lord..." encourage family members to offer thanks for the blessings of the day, as well as prayers for those in need. Couples can deepen their spiritual relationship by taking a few minutes, perhaps before bedtime, to commend to God the joys and sorrows of the day.
3. **Short prayers count, too.** When you're stopped at a long light or put on hold, consider it as God's invitation to turn your heart and mind to him, if only for a few seconds.
From the USCCB, www.foryourmarriage.org

Diocese/Parish

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN
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5K RACE

Registration is now open!

Saturday, August 24, 2024

5 K Race, 8:00 AM

Walkers are Welcome

1 Mile Race, 9:15 AM

Sponsorship Opportunities are also available.



<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/DownersGrove/SMG5K1MileRace>

Around the Parish

Job Openings for the 2024-2025 School Year at St. Mary of Gostyn School

St. Mary of Gostyn School is excited to announce several job openings for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year! We are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to join our team and help nurture our students' academic and spiritual growth. The positions available include:

- **Part-time STEAM Makerspace Teacher**
- **Part-time Music Teacher**
- **Part-time Instructional Assistants**
- **Part-time After School Care Supervisor**

If you or someone you know is interested in making a meaningful impact in a vibrant school community, please visit the following links for more information and to apply;

- [STEAM Makerspace Teacher](#)
- [Music Teacher](#)
- [Instructional Assistants](#)
- [After School Care Supervisor](#)

Join us in our mission to provide an exceptional education rooted in faith and excellence. We look forward to welcoming new members to our St. Mary of Gostyn family!

For any questions or additional information, please contact ckalal@stmarygostyn.org

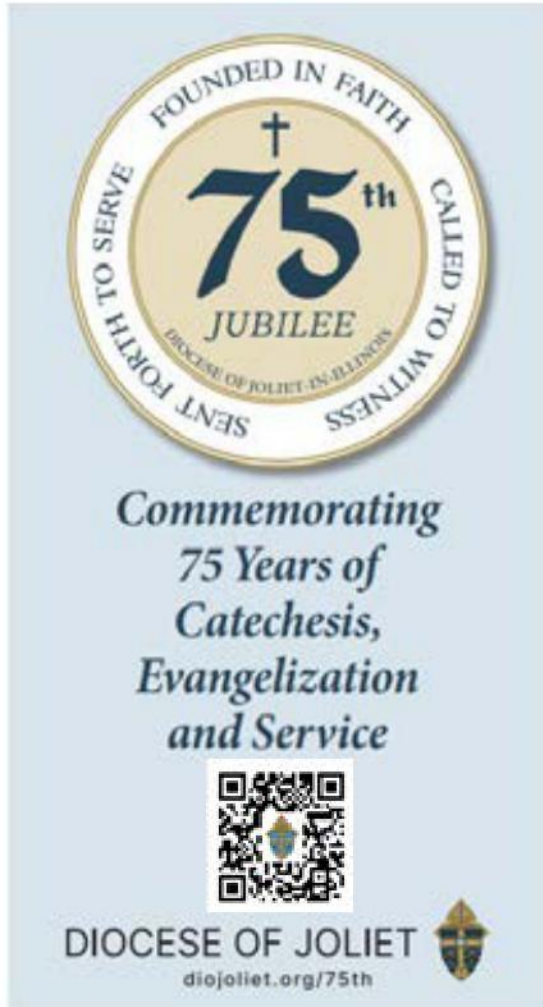
Part-Time Development Director

St. Mary of Gostyn is seeking to hire a part-time Development Director whose primary goal for this position is to grow the annual operating budget of the parish and the school. This includes parish offertory, fundraising events and developing strategies to grow the base of financial support for the church and the school. Qualifications include Word, Excel skills helpful, and familiarity with Google system. Since this is a ministerial position, must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, and with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume, and cover letter to: scieslik@stmarygostyn.org.

Full Time Parish Administrative Assistant

St. Mary of Gostyn is seeking candidates to fill our Administrative Assistant position (full-time with benefits). Responsibilities include staffing our Parish Center Office, answering phone calls, welcome/assist/direct visitors, and parishioners, maintaining sacramental and parish records, gathering information for upcoming sacraments, maintaining the parish census (PDS), providing secretarial assistance to priest as well as parish ministries, distributing mail, ordering supplies, and providing information when needed for website postings and other communications resources. Interpersonal skills, excellent communication skills and team orientation are musts. Office experience is required, ability to prioritize, organize, give attention to details as well as maintain strict confidentiality. This individual must understand the mission of the Catholic Church and be willing to support the policies of St. Mary's. To view full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#). Please send your resume and a cover letter to atumlos@stmarygostyn.org.

Diocese



Upcoming Events:

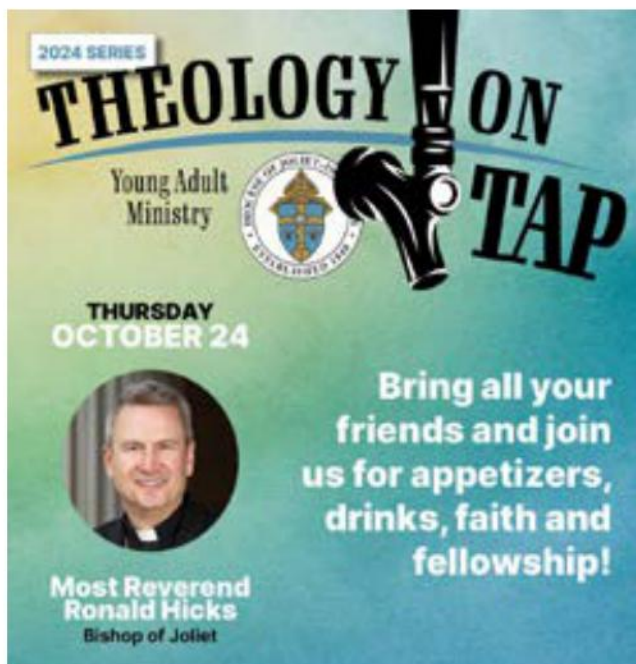
A regional liturgy celebrated by Bishop Hicks was held on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee. Two other regional liturgies will be held on the following dates:

September 14, 2024 (DuPage County)

4 p.m. at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard

September 28, 2024 (Will and Kendall Counties)

4 p.m. at Lewis University in Romeoville



October will be a month of service throughout our diocese. Be on the lookout for ways to participate!

Faith Into Action Podcast

The Diocese of Joliet is producing a 14-part series for our 75th Anniversary. New episodes are released on YouTube and podcasts platforms monthly. Find it anywhere you get your podcasts, and be sure to hit follow or subscribe so you never miss an episode! Our latest episodes:

- **Episode 7: The Virgin Mary** with Sr. Dominic Dybel and Fr. John Abulag
- **Episode 8: DOJ Trivia** with Fr. Tom Paul



Faith Into Action Podcast (audio)



Faith Into Action YouTube (videos)



Around the Parish

Religious Education Registration is now open to All Parish families!

Please go to: stmarygostyn.org, then go to "Religious Education" and click on "RE Registration Information" for all registration information.

A Call For Catechists

Who Makes a Good Catechist?

- A person of faith who wants to share it.
- Someone willing to work with elementary school students, or middle school students.
- An adult age 18 and up.
- Any adult still passionate about his/her faith.
- A man or a woman.
- A person willing to follow a catechist guide with easy lesson plans.

Can you see yourself in this description. So many times, we think we have to rely on the parents of the children in the program. Did you know that a vast amount of our catechists are not parents from our RE families? Many are parents, but not all.

Consider how you can participate. It's all about sharing what you have been given by someone else. Training is available and encouraged. We're praying for you to consider this opportunity. Please contact the RE office at 630-960-3566 for more information.



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