

St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things.

MR 6:34



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 21, 2024

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday, July 22nd
8:00 am† Gerald Howard

Tuesday, July 23rd
8:00 am† Steven LaBuda

Wednesday, July 24th
8:00 am† Christine Jelinski

Thursday, July 25th
8:00 am† Adrienne Stefka

Friday, July 26th
8:00 am† Heidi Anderson

Saturday, July 27th
4:00 pm† Nina Reyes & Peter Reyes

Sunday, July 28th
8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am
† Jim & Margaret Shannon
† James Massura

12:00 pm† Mary Buchler

6:00 pm† Cindy Hejny

Prayers for the Sick

John Mika
Sue Conrad
Sharon Kling
Lois Bach
Baby Cameron
Emily Torres
Charlene Oliver
Barb LeBreton
Kenneth Twardzik
Mary Kalins
Rose Jaskula
Patricia Finn
Skip Castaldo
William Gunther
Philip Kern
Lily Hariman
Sarah Stevenson
Lucy Wilczynski
Robert Wiacek
Levi Collura

Names will be automatically 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
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Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn:
John & Kelly McAuliff
Kristopher & Kara Chin
John & Marie Bucklar

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Nicole Moyer
Catherine Kobor

Baptism

The following child was baptized Sunday, July 14, 2024:

Sadie Kathleen Stegich daughter of
Thomas & Stephanie Stegich

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 21, 2024

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest
Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab. 15 and 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Feast of Saint James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Friday Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Saturday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Adult Faith Formation

CALLED AND CHOSEN...

Did you know? The RCIA has a new name! The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a new translation of the name of the process of becoming Catholic, now calling it OCIA, the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Rites are still part of the Order, but the new structure is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of spiritual formation and an ongoing journey of lifelong discipleship.

What does that mean to us here at St. Mary's? What does that mean to you who are already Catholic sitting in the pew? We are all called to share in Jesus' mission to reach out to those around us inviting them into relationship with Jesus. It's up to us to create a culture to welcome and invite people. We are to live our faith and share this "lived faith" with others.

The apostles "gather together with Jesus and report all they had done and taught". We too are encouraged to learn about our faith, and then to share it with others, including our family, friends and coworkers. The people "hasten there on foot from all the towns". We too are called to seek the Lord, "hasten" to him. Prayer and Mass attendance are ways to seek the Lord; what are other ways you "hasten" to the Lord?

Through your Baptism, you are filled with the Holy Spirit and with God's grace there are always opportunities to turn challenges into moments of encounter and transformation. You don't have to 'have all the answers' or be a great theologian to be a faithful witness to the beautiful and impactful ways the Lord is working in your life. It is in sharing of this 'lived experience of faith' that we invite others to Jesus. That's how we evangelize. That's how each and every one of us participates in OCIA.

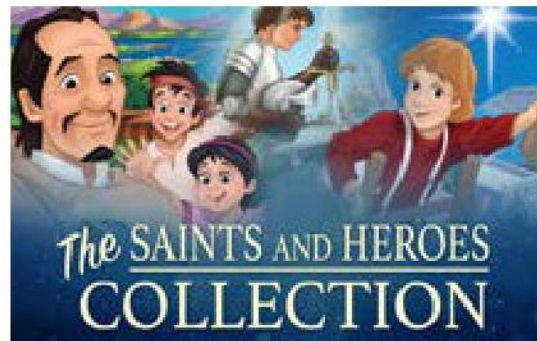
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By adoring and partaking of his beauty, his goodness and his purity in this Divine Sacrament, you will become all beautiful, good and pure.

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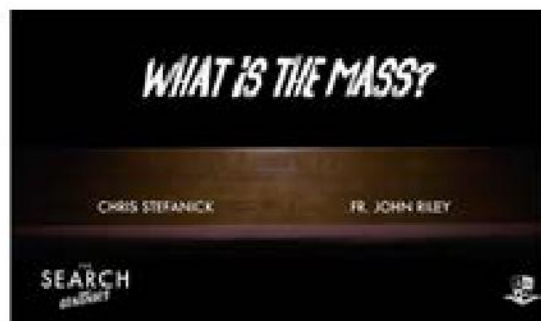
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It's easy to access the content on FORMED. Simply:

- Visit [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org)
- Enter our parish zip (60515) or name (St. Mary of Gostyn)
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That's it! Plus it's ALL FREE! Our parish subscription allows access to all the content.

Curious? Need some help? Or want to learn more about FORMED.org and its resources? Join a 'how to' webinar on Thursday, July 25th at Noon. Register for zoom link invitation at Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org.



What is the Mass?

The Search Continues Why should I want to go to Mass with my whole heart? What actually happens? Fr. John Riley and Chris Stefanick discuss the roots of Mass and its profound implications for us today.

Around the Parish

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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://runsignp.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:

- **Full-time Middle School Math Teacher**
- **Part-time STEAM Makerspace Teacher**
- **Part-time Music Teacher**
- **Part-time Instructional Assistant**
- **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:

- [Middle School Math Teacher](#)
- [STEAM Makerspace Teacher](#)
- [Music Teacher](#)
- [Instructional Assistant](#)
- [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: [Parish job openings](#). Please send your resume and a cover letter to scieslik@stmarygostyn.org.

Around the Parish

Religious Education Registration is now open to All Parish families!

Please go to: <https://www.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 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.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET POLICY FOR MASS OFFERINGS AND INTENTIONS

In 2017, the bishop's office reinforced the policy for Mass offerings and intentions already set forth by Canon Law. St. Mary's will implement the policy beginning on June 1, 2024. The following changes will be enforced.

- 1) Requested Mass intentions must be fulfilled within a year. Therefore, offerings cannot be accepted beyond a year from the date for which they are requested.
- 2) Twice within each week, St. Mary's is permitted to combine the intentions of more than one person (i.e. no more than two persons) at a particular Mass.
- 3) All persons whose intentions are combined must agree to the combining in advance.
- 4) All previous Mass intentions that have already been scheduled will be fulfilled.

NOTE At St. Mary's, the week begins on Saturday at our 4 PM Mass and concludes on Friday at our 8 AM Mass.

It is important to remember that, wherever Mass is celebrated, spiritual benefits are infinite, and God hears our prayers wherever they are offered. Every Mass is for ALL the living and the faithful departed. Although the priest (parish) has accepted an 'offering' for a specific Mass intention, he is still able to pray for other intentions. Each participant at Mass prays for his or her own 'intentions' and the 'intentions' of all present, as well as the needs of the entire Church, world, and local community.



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