

# 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](http://www.stmarygostyn.org).

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people saw the sign he had done,  
they said, "This is truly the Prophet,  
the one who is to come into the world."

Jn 6:14



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 28, 2024

# Prayer Ministry/Staff

**Monday, July 29th**

8:00 am

† John A. "Jake" Scileppi

**Tuesday, July 30th**

8:00 am

† Kathleen Heinz

† Deceased members

of the Eichhorn & Bolduc families

**Wednesday, July 31st**

8:00 am

† Leo Kilbride

**Thursday, August 1st**

8:00 am

† Kevin Krueger

**Friday, August 2nd**

8:00 am

† Mary Buchler

**Saturday, August 3rd**

4:00 pm

† Robert Oliver by Family

† Neil M. Jagust

**Sunday, August 4th**

8:00 am

Adam Bach & spouse

10:00 am

People of the Parish

12:00 pm

† Betty Kolpa

† Jane Purpura

6:00 pm

† Jacques & Clara Christiaens

## Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn:  
Matthew & Claire Grigas

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of  
Lucille B. Nelson  
Adam Anderson

## 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  
Jason Malkowski  
Patricia Finn  
Skip Castaldo  
William Marler  
William Gunther  
Lily Hariman  
Sarah Stevenson  
Lucy Wilczynski  
Levi Collura  
Robert Wiacek

*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  
Juli Majchrzak.....Marketing Director  
St. Vincent dePaul Society....(630)969-1068

## Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 28, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b> Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b> Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and Saint Peter Julian Eymard Priest</b> Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

## Adult Faith Formation

# LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

### BECOMING CATHOLIC, LIVING CATHOLIC

Do you have questions about faith? *Are you searching for a safe place to discuss issues regarding God and religion?* Are you searching for something that seems to be missing from your life?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation such as Confirmation or Eucharist? *Have you joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?* Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic? *Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?*

If you or someone you know answers YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation as you discover more about faith, and later, more specifically, Catholic faith. The invitation is always open. Becoming Catholic, Living Catholic is a way for everyone to fall in love with Jesus and learn to live as a Catholic. Interested? Complete the form on the website or contact Father Shaun at [scieslik@stmarygostyn.org](mailto:scieslik@stmarygostyn.org) or 630.969.1063.

### BE FORMED: LIFE IN CHRIST

#### “TEACHER, WHAT MUST I DO TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?”

*“If you would enter into life, keep the commandments”*

(Mt 19:16-17)

By his life and teaching, his preaching and healings, Jesus attested to the importance and validity of the Commandments. The gift of Ten Commandments enables the people of God to take on their true meaning as chosen and redeemed. In conformity with Jesus' example, the tradition of the Church acknowledges and stresses the significance of the Ten Commandments. But what does that mean to us today? How do the Commandments form, and inform, our lives, decisions and relationships?

This next season of **Be Formed** will explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus, what *Life in Christ* looks like for believers today. Using videos and small group discussion, Be Formed is a life-changing 90-days immersion in Prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, Community and the Traditions of the Catholic Church

Saint Mary's is offering **Be Formed** in conjunction with the Diocese of Joliet, with several in-person groups and a huge variety of time/day virtual options. Get ready! Registration opens August 1st.



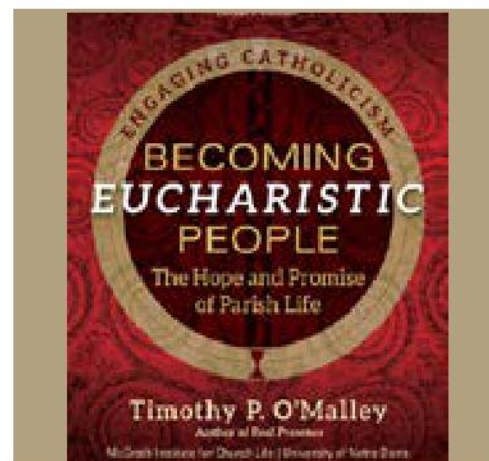
### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful.

Saint Peter Chrysologus

### FAITH RESOURCE

Looking for your another summer read? Pick up a copy of *Becoming Eucharistic People* by Notre Dame theologian Timothy O'Malley—**for free!** Simply stop by the Faith Network Desk in the Prairie Street entrance after Mass or come by the Parish Center during business hours.



# Around the Parish

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN  
**SMG**  
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



## We Welcome Lisa Keough Our new Parish Administrative Secretary for St. Mary's

Lisa Keough holds a MLIS from Dominican University and BFA from Maryland Institute College of Art. Lisa has had extensive work experience in both private and public sector in and around the Chicagoland area such as Citadel, Oakbrook public library and Actus Dei foundation. Lisa lives in Westmont with her husband and six children and is happy to serve the parishioners of SMG.

## A Call to Stewardship

Monthly Collection  
June 2024

Envelope Donations	\$74,789
Online Giving	\$46,977
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$121,766</b>
Total Collection To Date	\$1,586,340
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Difference	\$ 136,580

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
THEN JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES  
**GAVE THANKS**  
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM  
IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:scieslik@stmarygostyn.org).

*You open your hand  
and satisfy the desire  
of every living thing*  
**PSALM 145:16**



# Around the Parish

## 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 implemented.

- 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) Only one Mass intention is permitted per Mass. However, 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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