

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.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread
from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.
For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world."

Jn 6:52-55



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 4, 2024

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday, August 5th

8:00 am

† Melissa Russell

Tuesday, August 6th

8:00 am

† Dr. John & Rita LaCognata

Wednesday, August 7th

8:00 am

† Edward & Anna Starczynski

Thursday, August 8th

8:00 am

† Robert McMahon by Family

† Alison Henderson

Friday, August 9th

8:00 am

† Larry Huene

Saturday, August 10th

4:00 pm

† Adrienne Stefka

Sunday, August 11th

8:00 am

† Joyce Albertini

10:00 am

† Kelly McHugh Walters

† Barbara Saunders

12:00 pm

People of the Parish

6:00 pm

† Charles E. Montgomery

Baptism

The following children were baptized on Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4:

Anna Charlotte McIntyre daughter of Keith and Margaret McIntyre

Jeremy Paul Robinson son of Reynold and Priscilla Robinson

Robert Thomas Lind son of Jeffrey and Stacy Lind

Noah Bradley Brand son of Nicholas and Julie Brand

Eric Brian O'Connor son of Michael and Kimberly O'Connor

Owen Edward Hesness son of Eric and Maura Hesness

Maeve Cynthia Hesness daughter of Eric and Maura Hesness

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	Stephanie Rodriguez
Frank Davis	Mary Kern
Philip Kern	Chrissy Bronk
Martha Duncan	George B Metzger
Candice Kornack	Garry Kornack

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

Sympathy

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

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
Lisa Keough.....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 August 4, 2024

Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Wednesday	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday	Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Adult Faith Formation

ARE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS STILL RELEVANT?

“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. 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 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. Registration is required: simply scan QRC or contact kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org.



Be Formed is a 90-day discipleship experience for men and women. Season 9 runs Sept 11th - Dec 9th.

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL

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

Saint Frances de Sales

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Shh! Our lives are filled with a lot of noise - busy schedules and to-do lists, social media and cell phones. We invite you to take a break this Tuesday evening. Come to a place where we can listen with the ears of our hearts to the voice of God in prayer, and be renewed and transformed.

This Tuesday, August 6th at 7PM in Church. Holy Hour will include the opportunity for individual confession.

“Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are.”
Saint John Bosco

BECOMING CATHOLIC

EXPLORING THE FAITH

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 worshiping 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 or 630.969.1063.

CARING FOR YOU

...through your stages of caregiving.

Whether you're **just beginning** by running errands and attending doctor visits. Or you're realizing taking care of another **requires more time** managing medicines and dealing with health and safety concerns. Or maybe you're a **full-time caregiver**. At whatever stage, Nourish for Caregivers is here to support you and your needs.

Nourish for Caregivers provides family caregivers practical, emotional and spiritual support, as well as shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

Next Nourish for Caregivers gathering is **Wednesday, August 14 at 2PM** in the Gathering Place. **Come!** Be nourished!

Around the Parish

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN
SMG
5K RACE

***Don't Wait! Register now to be
guaranteed a Race Day shirt.***



Saturday, August 24,
2024

5 K Race, 8:00 AM

Walkers are Welcome

1 Mile Race, 9:15 AM

We need your help!

***Please sign up to set up the morning of the
event, to marshall during the event, or to
to prepare our participants' packets prior
to the race.***

***Thank you for helping make this a great
event.***

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

Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAAA72DA2FC1-50304055-2024?>

Around the Parish



Best Wishes to our Beloved Parish Administrative Assistant

Throughout our lives, there are people who touch us in the deepest way, sometimes at our most emotional times. Mrs. LeAnne Brown, our Parish Administrative Assistant is that person...helping people at some of the most critical times of their lives, whether she is answering the call of a person who is looking to move to our Parish, have their newborn baby baptized, needs help with food or shelter, needs to see a priest, wants an anointing for their sick or dying loved one, is planning a wedding, needs to plan a funeral, would like a Mass intention said, and the list goes on.

After 26+ years of working at St. Mary of Gostyn, LeAnne is taking her much earned retirement. LeAnne is so entrenched at St. Mary's, having moved to Downers Grove with her family in 1968. She went to RE here, met her husband through SMG, married here 47 years ago, sent her 3 children to school or RE here. In 1997, after many years of volunteer work for the school and parish, LeAnne was asked to take on the Parish Secretary position. Since that time, she has worked for four pastors, eight associate pastors, and seen and been a part of many changes: the addition of "email" to the Parish, the renovation of the Church, the many expansions of the School, the consolidation of the Parish Offices with the Parish Center, and the challenging times that came with COVID.

In Father Shaun's words, "When we refer to "Evangelization" we speak of that encounter with Jesus Christ and the people of the Parish. LeAnne has been a tremendous servant leader, the person of Christ for these past 26 years for parishioners, staffers, deacons, and for many of our priests. I am most appreciative of LeAnne's humble, kind, gentle, and loving ministry of service for me and my brother priests over the years, but most importantly, for the people of our parish. St. Mary of Gostyn will always be your home and I pray that you enjoy retirement with grace and blessings."

LeAnne will miss working with the people of St. Mary's as we will miss her too. Her thoughts as she leaves us, "It has been my pleasure, privilege, and a blessing to serve St. Mary of Gostyn parishioners and staff these many years in the Parish Office. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you!"



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.

Parish/Diocese

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.

Christ the King Council of Catholic Women

Christ the King Council of Catholic Women invite the women of St. Mary of Gostyn to join us and our CCW group for an ice cream social August 26, 2024 at 6:30PM in the Parish Life Center located at 1501 Main Street, Lombard, IL 60148. We look forward to seeing you!

Welcome

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

Assumption of Mary

Assumption of Mary is a Holy day of Obligation.
Mass times are as follows:

Wednesday, August 14, Vigil Mass at 6:00PM
Thursday, August 15, Mass at 8:00AM & 7:00PM



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.

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