

St. Mary of Gostyn

Catholic Church

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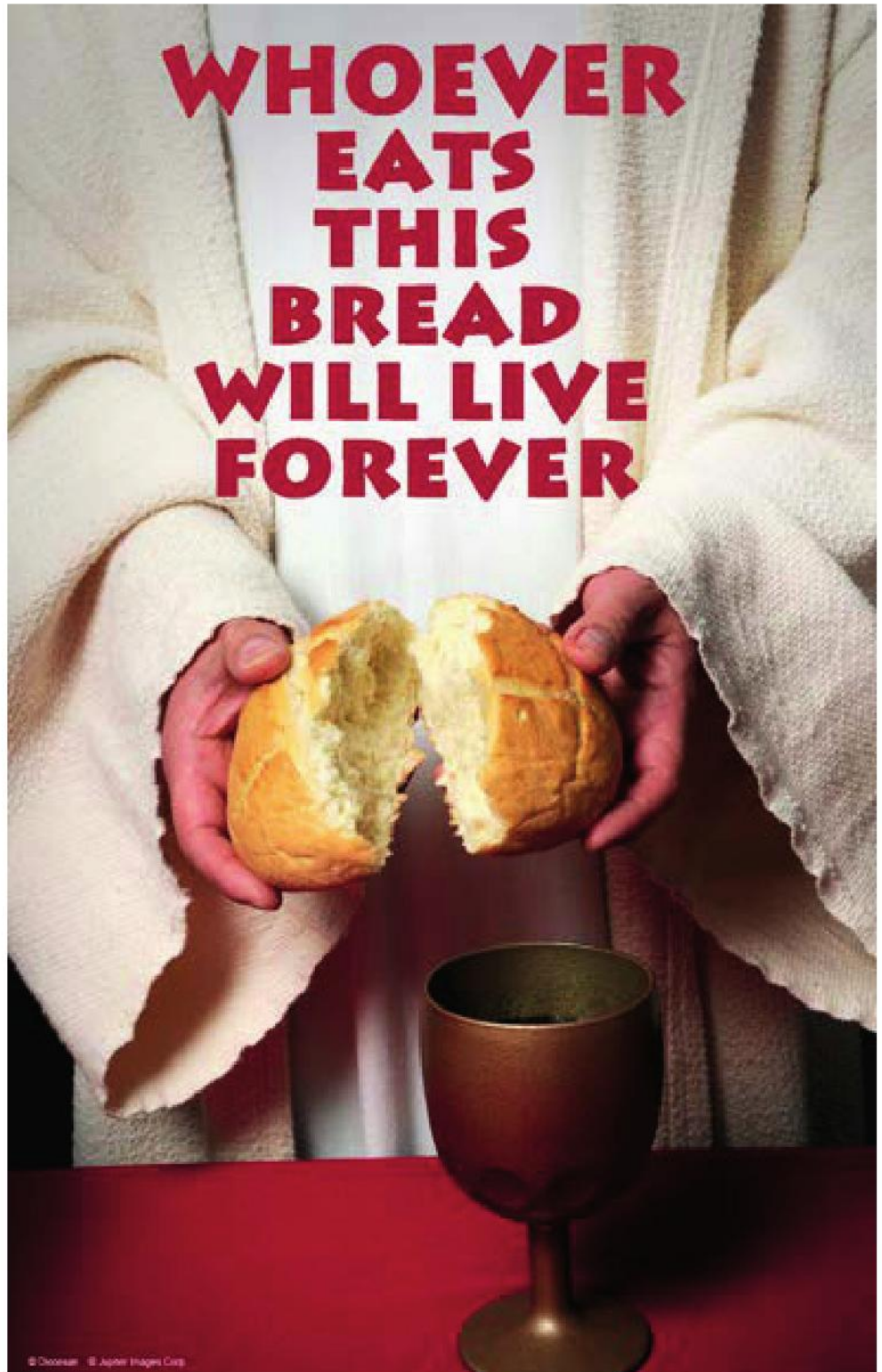
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Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil for Sunday
4:00pm
Sunday..8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm, 6:00pm

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.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 11, 2024

Prayer Ministry/Staff

Monday, August 12th

8:00 am

† Virginia Mates

† Ayesha Claire Crudo

Tuesday, August 13th

8:00 am

† Jane Shannon

Wednesday, August 14th

8:00 am

† Mary Buchler

6:00 pm

Vigil Mass

† Mary Buchler

Thursday, August 15th

8:00 am

People of the Parish

7:00 pm

† Mary Buchler

Friday, August 16th

8:00 am

† Christa Ann Lenski

Saturday, August 17th

4:00 pm

† Hugh F. Toner, Jr.

† Paul Hensley

Sunday, August 18th

8:00 am

† Gerard Carty

10:00 am

† Mary Buchler

Margaret Clark

12:00 pm

† Mary Buchler

6:00 pm

People of the Parish

Welcome

We welcome the following to St. Mary of Gostyn:

Michael, Meredith, Katherine, & Ruby Torres

Shaun & Michaela Egner

Nicholas & Jacqueline Zangara

Dieter & Beth Schuller

Lisa, Colin & Fin Miner

Luis, Patricia, & Arcelia Pozo-Gonzalez

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
Sarah Stevenson	Lucy Wilczynski
Levi Collura	Robert Wiacek
Frank Davis	Stephanie Rodriguez
Mary Kern	Philip Kern
Chrissy Bronk	Martha Duncan
George B Metzger	Candice Kornack
Garry Kornack	Elizabeth Robinson

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

William Gunter

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
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Juli Majchrzak.....Marketing Director
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Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 11, 2024

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
Monday	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Pontian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday	Memorial of Saint Stephen of Hungary Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Diocese



Bishop Hicks' Column July 2024



Summer Travels, Part I: Kentucky

Twice a year, all the bishops across the U.S. gather for meetings held by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). A few weeks ago, we met in Louisville, Kentucky. One of the committees I serve on made an unconventional decision to hold our half-day of meetings not in the hotel, but at the proto-cathedral in Bardstown, Kentucky.

What is a proto-cathedral, you might wonder? Generally, a proto-cathedral is a church that functions as the temporary cathedral of a diocese until a more suitable cathedral can be built or until the existing cathedral can be repaired or renovated. Bardstown's cathedral was designated a proto-cathedral because it is the first or original cathedral, completed and opened in 1819, in what is now the Archdiocese of Louisville.

So, ten bishops, plus USCCB staff members, climbed into a van and drove past horse farms and distilleries for about 30 minutes until we arrived at the Basilica of Saint Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, Kentucky. When we arrived, the exterior and façade immediately reminded me fondly of the Chapel at Mundelein Seminary with its use of red brick and stone in the Early American tradition. We were promptly treated to great Kentucky hospitality with a lunch that included homemade pot roast with potatoes, carrots, celery, and rice krispie treats for dessert (yes, I have a sweet tooth!).

We conducted our normal course of business which was enlivened by a tour of the Cathedral guided by the Rector. He began with an interesting history lesson. The Diocese of Bardstown, Kentucky, was established on April 8, 1808, along with the Dioceses of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. As one of the earliest dioceses in the United States, it was created to serve the growing Catholic Church population, particularly west of the Appalachian Mountains. The territory included most of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. (To keep things in perspective, here in the Diocese of Joliet we are celebrating our 75th Jubilee while the Diocese of Bardstown was established some 216 years ago; such a rich history!).

To build the church, bricks were baked nearby, and poplar trees were positioned in a circular pattern to form the majestic columns inside and out. The foundation was built with limestone, which is so solid that the walls have never cracked. Exquisite religious paintings adorn the interior space, donated mostly by European royalty.

People had originally arrived in the Kentucky area by horse and wagon, so the diocese was established inland. However, with the popularity of the steamboat, the city of Louisville swiftly grew alongside the banks of the Ohio River. With this population shift, in 1841 the Diocese of Bardstown was transferred to Louisville, and St. Louis Church, now the Cathedral of the Assumption, became the new cathedral. The Diocese of Louisville was then elevated to an archdiocese in 1939. Even with all these changes, the proto-cathedral of Bardstown still functions as a Catholic parish church.

How delightful it was to travel and learn something new about the history of the Church in the USA. It also caused me to reflect on the fact that change in the Catholic Church is not something new. As you know, we in the Diocese of Joliet are in our third and final phase of targeted restructuring. It struck me that the Catholic Church has always had to respond to and even adjust to new demographics and shifting realities. When they laid that magnificent cornerstone in Bardstown in July 1816, I am sure no one was predicting that one day their very diocese would be relocated to Louisville. Like them, we continue to trust in the Holy Spirit and adapt to the changing times to embrace a Church that is always on the move and yet still beautifully thriving.

As I shift gears and travel to Indianapolis later this month for the National Eucharistic Congress, I look forward to sharing my experience and reflections in next month's "Summer Travels, Part II: Indianapolis" article. Until then, enjoy the summer, be safe, and may God bless you along the journey.

Adult Faith Formation

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 or 630.969.1063.



Are the 10 Commandments still relevant?

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 and available on our website. Be Formed is a 90-day discipleship experience for men and women which runs Sept 11th - Dec 9th.

National Eucharist Revival



**Eucharistic Adoration
is the greatest power
in the universe, capable
of transforming us and
changing the face of
the world.**



Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday AM Women's CAFE

For a Lifetime of Spiritual Growth. St. Mary's Cafe will shed new light on sacred Scripture, helping you more deeply understand Christ and His Church. By engaging the mind and feeding the soul, this time together will help you grow ever closer to Christ. If you've never been to a Bible Study before, or if you are an avid Bible student, St. Mary's Café is right for you.

The Faith of the Church. In this transformative journey we'll delve into the rich history, core teaching and spiritual practices of our Catholic faith. As the National Eucharistic Revival continues, this formative study will embolden us as we enter year three, The Year of Mission.

Guided by the Creed, the Sacraments and inspiring saintly stories, the videos and discussion empower us to understand, live and share our faith confidently. Discover the powerful and personal truth of God's Word and practical inspiration for your life.

Reserve your materials and register on our website.
Thursday mornings 9AM, beginning September 5th.

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 with practical, emotional and spiritual support.

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

Topic: End of Life: Planning for & Navigating Decisions. Medical advances bring new and complex questions for family caregivers and their loved one. Our faith offers a long tradition of teaching to help guide us through these multifaceted issues to respond in light of our faith and the hope of our eternal reward in Christ.

Around the Parish

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN
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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?>

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.

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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



The beautiful floral arrangement is in honor of Joseph & Noel Leto
60th Wedding Anniversary



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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