January 1, 2017
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16
The solemnity of Epiphany, or the Feast of the Three Kings, commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6; this year it is celebrated on January 8th in the U.S. The word “Epiphany” comes from the Greek epiphaneian — to manifest, appear or reveal. Epiphanies are moments in which Christ is made manifest, or is revealed to man. Originally, Epiphany celebrated three events in addition to the visit of the Magi: The Baptism of the Lord (when the Holy Spirit Descends and God the Father declares that Jesus is His beloved Son), the Miracle at Cana (the first of Christ’s miracles revealing His divinity) and the Nativity of the Lord (the angels bear witness to Christ, and the Shepherds, representing Israel, bow down before Him). In the visit of the Magi, Christ’s divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth. Our Lord’s Nativity and Baptism are celebrated separately in the Church today, while the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The gifts that the Magi bring have the following significance: Gold — is a sign of His Kingship. The gifts of gold and frankincense were both prophesied by Isaiah. Frankincense -- a gum resin from the Boswellia tree, native to Somalia and southern coastal Arabia -- is a sign of His Deity. Myrrh -- a brownish gum resin from a tree native to eastern Africa and Arabia and used in embalming -- is a sign of His death. It also has analgesic properties and was offered, mixed with wine, to Christ on the Cross, which He refused (Mark 15:23). It was used to anoint Our Lord’s Body after death (John 19:39).

There are many traditions associated with Epiphany. The eve of the Feast of Epiphany is the twelfth day of Christmas, and is known as "Twelfth Night" (or "Twelfthnight.") Usually, for those who maintain a crèche or nativity at home, this is the day that the scene becomes complete. The three wise men finally reach baby Jesus. Some decorate baby Jesus with a crown/special clothes on this occasion. In many countries outside of the United States and Great Britain, the day of the Feast is celebrated with the exchange of gifts as opposed to Christmas day. Though, in some countries, gifts are given on both days or throughout the twelve days of Christmas.

Another tradition associated with Epiphany is the blessing of the home with chalk. In it, family members ask God’s blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. St. Mary’s Polish parishioners practiced this tradition, taking chalk to the church to be blessed on Epiphany, (one of our early parish journals mentions this custom!) The chalk is used to write above the home’s entrance, “20 + C + M + B + 17.” The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and 2017 is the year.

Prayers for Blessing the Home: While marking the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) with blessed chalk, pray: The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen. Then, offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

In some countries, people celebrate the day with a special cake/pastry known as king’s cake. In France, it is called a ‘Galette de Rois,’ in Spain, a ‘Roscón,’ while in Mexico it is called ‘Rosca de Reyes.’ A king’s cake usually has a toy (a crown or tiny baby figurine) or bean baked into it. Depending on the location, the person who finds the toy/bean may be made “King/Queen” for a day. Or, that person may have to host the next celebration. King cake is also very popular during the carnival season in New Orleans.

In Ireland, Epiphany is also called 'Nollaig na mBan' or Women's Christmas. Traditionally, the women get the day off and men do the housework and cooking!

Today is a double feast so to speak, but the two feasts are closely associated. This is the Octave Day of Christmas, or the eighth day of Christmas. It always falls exactly one week after Christmas Day; Christmas Day is of course the first day, and then when we count to eight we have today.

“Octaves” have been celebrated in the Church in relation to Holy days and feasts almost from the very beginnings of the Church.

However, today is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In Jewish tradition a male child was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. On that same day the child was officially given his name. Thus, it was on this day that the Lord received the name Jesus. The third connection of these two liturgical celebrations is the addition of calling our Blessed Mother the Mother of God. Among Vatican II documents it is clearly stated, “Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honored under the title of Mother of God.” This feast is naturally a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus.

The blessing included in the First Reading from the Book of Numbers is one with which most of us are familiar. “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you…” In the Jewish culture this has been known for centuries as the Aaronic blessing as it was dictated by God Himself to Aaron. It is important to note that it begins with “The Lord bless you.”

All blessings come from God. One error we make is to conclude that blessings always mean happiness or security or prosperity. God knows what blessings we need, even if we do not. They key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have. That mind set is at the hub of stewardship — knowing all blessings come from the Lord, and our need to be appreciative of them.

December 25, 2016

The octave of Christmas —
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

To be “kept” by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed “keep” us ever in His care. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception.

During this continued Christmas season, it is well to remember and repeat the classic statement by the character Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens’ immortal A Christmas Carol: “God bless us, every one, for certainly He does.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the entire Staff of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, I would like to express our thanks to you and your family for your spirit of cooperation and generosity this past year in sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Along with our thanks, we send an assurance of a place in our thoughts and prayers in the coming New Year, 2017!

A special thanks to all those who sent cards, gifts, and remembrances during this Holy Season!

A HAPPY, HEATHY, AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Fr. Jim Schwab, Pastor
Fr. Shaun Cieslik, Parochial Vicar
Deacons and Staff of St. Mary of Gostyn

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
St. Mary of Gostyn
Liturgy Schedule

Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 7
4:30 PM

Sunday, January 8
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Adoration Hours
There will be no Adoration on New Year’s Eve, December 31, and New Year’s Day, January 1.
It will begin again on Monday, January 2.

Christmas and New Year’s Office Hours

Please note the following Christmas schedule for the Rectory, School, and Parish Center offices:

**RECTORY & PARISH CENTER**

- Sunday, January 1, 2017: CLOSED
- Monday, January 2, 2017: CLOSED
- Tuesday, January 3: Regular Office Hours Resume

**SCHOOL**

The School office will re-open Wednesday, January 4, 2017

GARDEN BLOSSOMED IN 2016 - THANK YOU SMG!

The SMG Garden Committee thanks the many people who helped care for the plants and improve the Garden in the last year. We had fun planting and teaching about seeds with the younger St. Mary of Gostyn students in the spring and had lots of help over the summer to keep those seeds and plants alive. We loved seeing the stones from the Vacation Bible School children surrounding the statue of St. Francis and were happy to share some of the bounty of the garden with the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

The major summer project was an Eagle Scout Project featuring the installation of educational plaques by Dan Albert, his family and the Boy Scouts of Troop 89. They provide information and context for the space and truly make it “educational”. Nicole Gibson and friends hosted a successful movie night in September and once again, Cub Scout Troop 89 cleaned up the garden for its winter sleep. SMG Daisy Scouts visited the garden this fall to learn and plant sedum donated by a generous parish family.

We thank the many families and groups that contribute time and talent each year and look forward to 2017. If you have a question or would like to help in the Garden, contact Nicole Gibson at nicoleannegibson@gmail.com or Hilary Denk at j.denk@comcast.net, or contact the Rectory. Keep an eye out for a brick order announcement in the spring.

Stewardship

Due to the early submission date of this bulletin, the December 25th collection is unavailable.
All are invited to celebrate our 
125th Anniversary at our Valentine Gala!

When: February 11, 2017 at 6:00pm

Where: Doubletree Oak Brook

Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction 
and the Drawing for the Grand Prize 
for the Lucky in Love Raffle

Registration on line begins on December 18, 2016 
at: www.Stmarygostyn.org
Or watch for your invitation by mail for check or 
cash payment.
$100 per person, tables of 10 for $1000

Proceeds for this event go to our School Operating 
Budget, our Endowment Fund and our 
Athletics Department
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017
6:15 AM - Fr. Thomson Panakal req. St. Mary of Gostyn
8:00 AM - In Thanksgiving req. Steve & Therese DeSitter

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Living Intention for Robert Klomfar req. St. Vincent de Paul Society

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Krystyna Bednarz req. Liz O’Connell & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - John Lowry req. Frank & Dianne Czopek

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017
8:00 AM - Christa Lenski req. Family
4:30 PM - Clarence & Bernadette Smith req. Jan Miriani

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017
8:00 AM - Frank Kluzek req. Kass Family
Gina Persichetti req. Terri O’Dekirk
10:00 AM - People of the Parish
12:00 PM - Carl Sterr req. Adam Walsh Family
Josephine (Dolly) DeMarie req. Donna Skinner & Deborah Schutt
6:00 PM - Mary Joan Boik req. Blanchard Family

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading - The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(Numbers 6:22-27).
Psalm - May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).
Second Reading - God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave
but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).
Gospel - The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Are you an alum of St. Mary’s School?

Have you registered on our Alumni Website so that you can receive periodic information about our School or Parish?

To register, please go to our Website at: http://tinyurl.com/smgalum

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, January 11   Parish Center          9:30 AM                 Hot Lights, Cold Steel by Michael Collins M.D.

Memoir of a surgical resident at Mayo Clinic.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the St. Mary Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

SMG Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, January 19         Parish Center          7:30 PM                          The Ship of Brides by JoJo Moyes

A group of Australian wives travel by aircraft carrier to join their spouses in Britain after WWII.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the SMG Evening Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Ministry Schedule for Saturday, January 7th & Sunday, January 8th

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School Celebrates with Christmas Program for Families

Every Advent for the past 16 years, St. Mary’s School gives a little gift to the SMG community: a high quality, multi-media program that shares the true meaning of Christmas. Produced by Music Teacher Mr. Richard Barker, the program includes a live band, narration from scripture acted out by the students and even an original piece of music composed by Mr. Barker. The program focuses on a different theme each year to offer a different perspective on the birth of Christ, and concludes with a beautiful rendition of “Silent Night.” Check out the school’s Youtube channel (Youtube.com/StMaryGostyn) and Facebook page (Facebook.com/StMaryGostyn) for more photos and videos of this meaningful evening. (Thank you to K. Crowe, C. Menapace, A. Mendez and K. Sobkowiak for sharing these photos.)

Experience St. Mary’s School

Voted Best Preschool in the Western Suburbs by Suburban Life Readers.

Catholic Culture: daily prayer and religion class, weekly Mass and celebration of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and saint days.

Challenging academics tailored to the individual needs of each child.

No-cut sports (cross country, volleyball, basketball) starting in 5th grade.

Motivating teachers that nurture a child’s curiosity and cultivate a love of learning.

Grant available, including financial assistance for students transferring from public schools.

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Preschool/Kindergarten Info Night
Jan. 26, 2017 6:30-8 p.m.
Scan QR code to reserve your space or go to this website: http://conta.cc/2gJP8CF

All-School Open House
Jan. 29, 2017 9 a.m.—Noon
Scan QR code to reserve your space or go to this website: http://conta.cc/2hPxYc6

St. Mary of Gostyn School
440 Prairie Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 968-6155  school@stmarygostyn.org  Facebook.com/StMaryGostyn
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

In Sympathy

Nicholas T. Almeida  Christine Antosz  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beirne
Abby Beranek  Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Bill Brown  Tom Brown
Felicia Bubula  Gertrude Butzen  Billie Chorney  Ann Clark  Paul Conrad Jr.
Paul Conrad Sr.  Susan Conrad  Margaret Corbett  David Craven  Helen Czulak
Frank Davis  Jessica Davy  Kelly Drey  Jodi Ducote  Alexis Ducote
Dennis Finn  Stan Golinski  Becca Gorman  Mark Cowgiel  Diane Goyette
Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Darlene Hammer  Bobby Johnson  Donna Karlinski
Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  Ken Krupp  Doreen Lehner  Robert Lehner
Diane Main  Eddie Mayerik  Spencer Mehr  Fr. Ernie Norbeck  James Murawski
Andrea Mutton  Bob Noonan  Bob Noonan  Cynthia Petro  Daniel Oliver
Carol Oseske  Eleanor Pecka  Kelly Drey  Char Ryan  Kay Selfridge
Eliza Skipworth  Yoshie Snider  Laine Van Houton  Lorraine Stephenson  Joan Toggioni
Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner  Jacques Christiaens  Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman
Mary Ann Lang  Bob Earley  Judith Abella  Ann Marie Juscik  Rebecca O'Marrah
Miles Boone  Ben Tomchek  Bela Szefert  Kelly Drey  Erin Egan
Mike Gerace  Donna Baumann  Lillian Petrovich  Lillian Petrovich  Ken Norman
Erwin Burton  Brett Lauten

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Howard W. Baldwin

January 1, 2017

Pray for our Military

Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

Jason Weeks  John Svoboda  Bob Lang
Kevin Braasch  Christopher Fountain  Zachary Frana
Michael Martel  Nathan Kijowski  Josh Cruz
Natalya Brechlin  James Harrington

Make St. Mary of Gostyn your Spiritual Home!

If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________________
City, State, Zip________________________________________________
Email address___________________________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________ (circle one: cell      Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515
For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: http://www.stmarygostyn.org/?page=ParishRegistration
First Reconciliation Parent Child Retreat

Tuesday or Wednesday
January 10 or 11
Check Your Packet For Date Confirmation
6:30—7:30 pm
In the Gathering Place

This will be an evening of prayer and activity for the children to spend with their parents reflecting on God’s Mercy and the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

December ~ January Calendar Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar. November and December are busy days around the parish.

- January 4 & 5  RE Sessions Resume
- January 10 or 11  Gr. 2 Parent and Child 1st Reconciliation Retreat. (6:30—7:30) in the Gathering Place
- January 11 & 12  No 2nd Grade RE
- January 22  Confirmation Retreat B 1:30 pm in the Gathering Place.
- January 24  Catechist/Adult In Service; Newman Institute—Evangelization II
- January 25  Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Evening of Reflection
- January 26  No Confirmation Session

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
RE SESSIONS RESUME THIS WEEK! WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY!

Diocese of Joliet Newman Institute Series Presents
Foundations of Faith Sessions

Bishop Conlon, Bishop of Joliet, requests that all catechist commit to six hours of continued formation on topics of the faith. The Diocese offers parishes a series of formation sessions to help catechists reach this goal in a simple way. These sessions are available to not just catechists, but all adult members of the parish interested in continued learning. St. Mary has four of these sessions scheduled. Come if you can!

- Tuesday, January 24  6:30 pm  GP  Evangelization II: Sharing the Joy of the Gospel
- Tuesday, March 21  6:30 pm  GP  Methods I: Understanding Students & Leading them to Christ
- Tuesday, May 23  6:30 pm  GP  Methods II: Planning an Engaging Catechetical Session

Each session is 2 hours in length and gives a learner hours they need to meet Bishops requirement if they so desire. Call Mary Jane for more information.
Create new friendships while you dig deeper into your faith. Be inspired, enlightened and renewed with Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP), a guys-only weekend event hosted by your fellow St. Mary’s parishioners. Call today and reserve your space.

It’s the Pro Bowl weekend, so you’re not missing any real football. Did we mention free beer?

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

† January 28-29, 2017
To reserve your spot, contact:
Jim Crawford, 630-493-9490, jcrawfordiv@gmail.com
Discover the immense power and beauty of the unconditional love of God that is the Holy Spirit. In this study, you’ll encounter the joy of the Spirit, the love between the Father and Son, present and active in your life everyday.

Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study. 9AM in the Gathering Place. Beginning January 5. More info: contact Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Adult Faith tab

St. Mary’s High School Teens
Solid Catholic Teaching for Teens.
Unpacking God’s Word in a way teens can relate to, making the Bible come alive.
Net result: Teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Bible. They see how their faith is a relevant part of their lives.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. (Eph 4:14-15)

LIFE CHANGING. LIFE SAVING.

Mark your calendar to attend - one Sunday a month. Jan 22
Feb 12
Mar 19
Apr 9
May 7

In the Underground 4:30, done in time to go to 6 pm Mass.

Interested? Need more info? Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org
Please join Bishop Conlon to celebrate his 40th Priesthood Anniversary

Jubilee Mass
Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Avenue in Joliet
Sunday, January 15, 2017
11:00 AM
Reception to follow in the commons

Information Meeting for Navajo Mission to Chinle, Arizona
The Joliet Diocese – Partnership in Mission is planning its next Navajo Construction Mission to Chinle, Arizona. Two information meetings will be held, one on January 10th, 2017 from 7-9 pm the other on January 18th, 2017 from 7-9 pm at the Bishop Blanchette Catholic Center – 16555 Weber Rd – Crest Hill, IL 60403. Interested persons are invited to attend. Further information can be found at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/missions or call 815-221-6258, email: missions@dioceseofjoliet.org. Applications are available at http://bit.ly/missionappl.

Mid-life Singles (Mid-30s to 50s)
Looking to start 2017 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 17-19, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year’s resolution you won’t regret! Cost is $197 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

FOR WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN
Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope and joy again.

There will be a retreat/workshop on January 21 & 22, 2017 at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on the campus of Alvernia Manor). Includes overnight stay and meals. For more information or to register, call the Joyful Again Widowed Ministry at 1-708-354-7211. You can also go to our website www.joyfulagain.org or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com.

Stir Up the Gift of God
2 Timothy 1:6

St. Mary of Gostyn
WOMEN’S CRHP Retreat
February 25-26th, 2017
Together we’ll carve out the perfect recipe for a fulfilling relationship with God. The only missing ingredient is YOU!

For more information please contact:
Kathleen at 708-717-3326 (kboycerer@gmail.com) or Jennifer at 630-373-0553 (jenmiller015@gmail.com)
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<td>CRHP #32 - Women</td>
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NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child or it has been more than five years since you attended a baptismal preparation session at St. Mary's or another parish, you will need to participate in a session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism. Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, November and April at the 8:00 AM Mass. The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM in church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the Rectory (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.