St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY - CLOSED

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Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule:
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM
Holy Days: 6:15 AM, 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM
Vigil of Holy Days: 5:30 PM
Weekdays: 6:15 and 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM or any time by appointment
Perpetual Adoration
For additional information contact the Rector Office

January 15, 2017 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish is a welcoming, faith-sharing Christian community rooted in scripture and Catholic tradition.

We are called by God through the Holy Spirit to nurture and minister to the spiritual needs of all through prayer, liturgy, education and service.
Christ Renews His Parish, also known as CRHP (pronounced “chirp”), is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process which brings together members of the parish in Christ. CRHP has a clear focus on the Gospel and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life through scripture study, prayer, the sacraments, and fellowship with members of the parish community.

The first parish renewal weekend was conducted in April, 1969, with 28 men from Holy Family Parish in Parma, Ohio. The enthusiasm and positive response to this initial weekend were so overwhelming that plans were made immediately for another such weekend in January of 1970. The second weekend gave increased confidence to everyone; a third men’s renewal weekend was held in March, 1970, and the first women’s renewal weekend was held in September later that year. In April, 1975, the first renewal team from a parish outside of the Cleveland Diocese was trained.

Fr. Don Kenny brought CRHP to St. Mary of Gostyn at the suggestion of his friend Fr. Tom Kaminski. He believed it was a valuable program for forming small Christian communities.

During the weekend of May 19-21, 1989, 17 SMG men went to Sacred Heart Seminary in Stone Park, IL, to attend a men’s CRHP. It was organized by a group from multiple Chicago area parishes; Fr. Tom was the spiritual director for the weekend. These SMG men then brought the program back to St. Mary of Gostyn in the winter of 1989. Incidentally, five of these men still meet on a regular basis almost 30 years later. The first SMG women’s CRHP weekend followed shortly after; it was also greeted with great success. To this day, an annual spin-off winter retreat for CRHP women continues to strengthen the gift of the spiritually fed friendships made in previous CRHP weekends.

Men’s CRHP and Women’s CRHP weekends are currently held annually at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish. For many, this weekend has served as a springboard for their spiritual journey. For others already on their journey, the weekend helped them develop a deeper relationship with God and a foundation of strength in Him. If you are reading this article in church before mass, you are most likely sitting near someone who has experienced CRHP.

The CRHP weekend usually begins at 8:00 am on Saturday and ends at 2:00 pm on Sunday. Dee Dee Van Dyke, a former CRHP coordinator, describes a typical CRHP weekend as “an experience of taking time out for God in the context of a small Christian community. A spiritually formed community of St. Mary’s men/women give the retreat to the gathered invitees. There is an emphasis on Scripture as the Living Word calling us into a deeper relationship with Christ and one another. Team members share scriptures and personal stories that exemplify how the Risen Christ has sustained them through good times and bad. There’s music, laughter, prayer, sharing and food! YOU DISCOVER YOU ARE NOT ALONE. Often participants experience new insights, spiritual awakenings, and a Christian community that truly cares. It’s a great opportunity to reflect on one’s life and faith, and experience the community of St. Mary’s in a new and meaningful way. Over the years, many participants have made lasting friendships that are priceless. It’s definitely worth the time out of the daily happenings to experience God’s personal call and love anew.” For guests, your degree of participation is based completely on your comfort level.

CRHP participation is not limited or restricted in any way. All are welcome. This January will mark the 24th men’s retreat weekend. The 33rd women’s retreat weekend will follow in February. If you are interested in attending, you can find more information on these events in the bulletin or on the SMG website. There is no cost to participate — the weekend is a gift to all.

Sometimes when we're searching for answers, we miss the obvious. Ever try to balance a checkbook and have a $10 difference? Hours later, we realize we wrote an $18 check down as $8. The mistake was plain as day, we skimmed over it. Our keys are nowhere to be found. We're late for work. We've looked everywhere. In exasperation, we check the car one more time. There the keys are - in the ignition. We've made repeated attempts to master a subject at school. The answers just won't come. We feel lost. Finally we ask for help. The picture comes into focus.

Throughout life, we fail to recognize the obvious. Somehow we do not see what is right in front of our eyes. Sometimes our relationship with Jesus is like that - even though we do not recognize him, Jesus is there and available for us. Jesus is there with comfort and consolation, clear answers and encouragement. In this week's Gospel, John gives us an account of Jesus' identity. It is as though John, his cousin and possibly a childhood playmate, recognized Jesus at the baptism for the first time, too. As the Messiah, Jesus brings a true baptism in the Spirit. We who believe will be blessed.

**What is your duty?**

Mary Lyons founded Mt. Holyoke College for Women in 1837. Her goal was to help young women develop their talents and to use them in service to others. Is it any wonder they carved these words on her tombstone?: "There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I shall not know my duty or shall fail to do it."

As you read this, go forth in the knowledge that God has some duty for you to perform. Hopefully you will put your time and talent at the service of your church. Hopefully, you will do what God wishes you to do.

**SAINT THIS WEEK**

**St. Anthony**

abbot (251-356)

January 17, 2017

Where's the quietest place you've ever been? What's the longest you've ever been silent? Anthony of Egypt lived in profound stillness for years at a time. In that stillness he heard the voice of God, which filled him with joy.

Anthony's parents were wealthy Christians who lived near Memphis in Upper Egypt. Before he reached age 20, they both had died. Anthony soon gave away to the poor everything he had inherited. Then he began a life of listening to God. He went to live in the quietest place he could find – a tomb in a cemetery in the desert. For more than ten years, the only people he talked to were a few other hermits. He would travel to where they lived. Then he would learn everything he could from them about how to pray.

Anthony later moved to an even more isolated place: an abandoned fort on a mountain. For 20 years, he saw no other humans. By this time, Anthony was a famous holy man. People who wanted him to be their leader settled in huts and caves around his fort. Anthony answered their call. He founded the first Christian monastery, the Fayum. Its monks lived apart, but they came together to worship. When all were gathered, it is said that Anthony stood out from the others because his face glowed with radiant happiness.

When Christians in Alexandria were thrown into prison for their faith, Anthony left his quiet life to console them. This showed boldness, because everyone knew who he was. Yet he was never arrested. When he returned to the desert, he founded another monastery. (1600 years later, people are still living in both monasteries Anthony began.) Then he retired to Mount Kolzim, near the Red Sea.

He wove mats, took care of his pets and worked in his garden for 45 years. He said that he needed no books because nature was a book that spoke to him constantly of God. He died when he was 105 years old.

In Mexico and other places in Central America, Anthony is a much loved saint. He is the patron of farm animals and pets. On his feast day children paint stripes or polka dots on livestock. They dress up chickens and cats in homemade clothes and collars of flowers. Then they lead the animals to the churchyard for a blessing. This is a good day for people everywhere to give thanks to God for their pets.
As the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading, the Lord continues to remind us that we are his servants. Imagine the Lord speaking these words to you personally: “You are my servant. Through you I show my glory. I formed you as my servant from your mother’s womb. I will make you a light so that you may shine the light of my salvation everywhere you go, and reveal my glory to everyone you encounter. I will give you the strength to do this. I will give you confidence. Heed my words, for I have spoken to you.” What would your response be to the Lord? Would it be different from the response you give the Lord now?
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 by February 5th at:
www.Stmarygostyn.org

Or submit your mailed invitation response card with
your 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 16, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Doris Willoughby req. Deacon Al & Carol Agurkis
Edward Rice req. Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Annemarie Gunther req. William Gunther

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Patricia Wojtach req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller & Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
6:15 AM - Loraine Clark req. Lucy Wilczynski
8:00 AM - Carol Nelson Williams req. Olson Family
Margaret Sobilo req. Steve & Mary Spencer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017
6:15 AM - Kathleen Cole req. Sanderson Family
8:00 AM - Rodolfo Campo req. Mike & Mary Signer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017
8:00 AM - Krystyna Bednarz req. Frank & Dianne Czopek
4:30 PM - Robert Flanagan req. Palczynski Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017
8:00 AM - Mario Giannini req. Family
Gregory Nelson req. Martens Family
10:00 AM - Leon Paruszkiewicz req. Melody Lane
12:00 PM - Eugene Andrews req. Quealy Family
Laura Sulzer req. Dolores & Judy Ronaldson
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).
Psalm - Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).
Second Reading - All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).
Gospel - John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23
Around the Parish

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD PANTRY ~ DECEMBER 2016 REPORT

Thank You, St Mary’s, for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 313 Individuals within 123 Families. For the year, we have fed 4,010 Individuals within 1,643 Families. Words can’t adequately describe the generosity of St Mary’s parishioners. We can’t thank you enough for your generosity; but we can, and will pray for you. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Items most in need are Pork and Beans.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS
1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Ultra Foods, or Fresh Thyme thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Thank you, St Mary’s school, for conducting a huge food drive.
4. Thanks to our Guardian Angel supplying us with paper products and hard goods.
5. Thank you, Patrick/Evelyn Harmon and volunteers for conducting a huge reverse Advent project that resulted in over 40 grocery bags of food.
6. Thank you, St Mary’s, 3rd graders for your large canned fruit donation.
7. Thanks to an anonymous donor for your large food donation.
8. Thank you, St Mary’s parish, for your increase in food donations.
9. Thank you Frank Szafranski for sponsoring a huge donation from your Ameriprise Office.

We hope all parishioners had a very MERRY CHRISTMAS with Family & Friends. May your NEW YEAR be filled with HEALTH and HAPPINESS. Keep Christ in Your Heart and a Smile on your Face.

December Adage: I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again.

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all that we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. We are open every Wednesday from 8:00am until 11:00am unless Wednesday falls on a holiday, then we open on the preceding Tuesday.

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 21st & Sunday, January 22nd

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School Develops High-Achieving Mathletes*

By Denise Freese, Suburban Life Publications

A strong math background in middle school leads to success in math, science, and related subjects in high school and beyond. Educators at St. Mary’s School work hard to ensure their students receive excellent math instruction, by offering an advanced curriculum, an after-school math club, and participation in local high school math competitions.

Both Ms. Colleen Ruopp (grades 6-8) and Mrs. Doreen Sloyan (grades 5-8) teach math at St. Mary of Gostyn. “In sixth grade, students are introduced to pre-algebra,” said Ms. Ruopp. “Seventh graders study an accelerated pre-algebra program, with some algebra as well. Eighth graders take a full year of Algebra I. We maintain high levels of academic achievement, as well as behavior and study skills in all grade levels.”

SMG’s Math Club meets weekly throughout the school year; all middle school students are welcome to join. “We rotate students through challenge problems, games, and online or math magazine activities,” explained Mrs. Sloyan. “Whether math is a strength or not, students feel welcome. We modify activities as needed, to engage the students in higher-order thinking and problem solving.”

SMG graduates’ feedback proves they’ve felt very prepared moving into high school, with confidence in the material as well as with study habits. “We teach real-world situations that use math,” added Ruopp. “We teach the importance of showing all work, keeping work neat, and turning assignments in on time. Students learn to take ownership of their grades, go above and beyond in their work, and ask the teacher if they need help. They become more independent and responsible.”

SMG students recently competed in the Montini and Nazareth Math Contests. Two students placed in the Top 10 individually at Montini. At the Nazareth competition, SMG placed 3rd overall in the team category, and one student placed 4th in the individual category. Congratulations to all!

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Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

In Sympathy

Nicholas T. Almeida
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jessica Davy
Gen Hadamik
Kenny Kern
Diane Main
James Murawski
Daniel Oliver
Kay Selfridge
Joan Tagglonia
Ashley Woltman
Judith Abella
Bela Szeifert
Frances Kopec
Lois Bach
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Becca Gorman
Darlene Hammer
Ken Krupp
Eddie Mayerik
Andrea Mutton
Carol Orseske
Elsa Skipworth
Sharon Tallerico
Ann Marie Juscik
Kelly Drey
Lillian Petrovich
Marybeth Garofolo
Anna Bandur
Bill Brown
David Craven
Mark Gowgiel
Bobby Johnson
Mary Ann Lang
Spencer Mehr
Bob Noonan
Eleanor Pecka
Yoshie Snider
Hugh Toner
Rebecca O’Marrah
Erin Egan
Ken Norman
George Drobney Sr.
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Helen Czulak
Diane Goyette
Donna Karlinski
Doreen Lehner
Dolores Mendoza
Rob Noonan
Cynthia Petro
Joey Stefka
Laine Van Houton
Miles Boone
Mike Gerace
Erwin Burton
Gabriella Shelton
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Frank Davis
Rion Goyette
Joseph Karlinski
Robert Lehner
Kate Moss
Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Char Ryan
Lorraine Stephenson
Loretta Wies
Ben Tomchek
Donna Baumann
Brett Lauten

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Jacklynne Nowakowski
Maurice Tremblay
Patricia Wojtach

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

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

January 15, 2017
Confirmation Reminders

**Confirmation Retreat B**

Two dates are scheduled ~ come to one!

- Sunday, January 22  1:30—4:00 pm
- Thursday, February 3  6:30—8:45 pm

All candidates must attend one Retreat B. **BRING YOUR BIBLE!**

**Confirmation Interviews** will be held on February 8 & 9 during school religion class or during Confirmation pm sessions.

**Christian Living Journal Reminder**: Your journals must be complete by the time of your Confirmation Interview. Bring your signed journal to your interview with you.

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January ~ February

**RE Calendar Dates**

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar. January and February are full of Sacramental Prep Meetings etc.

- **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
- **January 31/Feb. 1**  Sacrament of First Reconciliation as assigned
- **February 2**  Confirmation Retreat B
- **February 8 & 9**  Confirmation Interviews
- **February 22**  Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Reconciliation Service 6:30 Church
- **February 23**  First Communion **Parent Meeting**
- **February 23**  6:30 pm in the GP. Just Parents.
- **February 23**  No Confirmation Session

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**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
You’re invited to find strength and serenity at Nourish. If you are juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent or spouse, whether in town or at a distance, Nourish provides real self-care for caregivers. Led by moderator Deb Kelsey Davis, RN, lay minister, and certified in gerontology, gatherings include practical approaches, useful tools and shared experiences all with a Christ-centered view. Empower yourself at Nourish— and begin to thrive again— so you advance in a positive way throughout your caregiver journey.

**This special evening will engage YOU in an activity you’ll cherish over the days, months and years to come**

Reservations Required to Deb or Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

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Third Thursday - January 19
7:00 pm Parish Center

Topic: Gifts for the Soul: Illuminating and Preserving the Moments

LIFE CHANGING. LIFE SAVING.

First Session starts next Sunday!

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)

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
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.

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.

ARE YOU DIVORCED OR IN THE PROCESS OF DIVORCE?

You are invited to attend “Divorce & Beyond”, a 10-week peer support group.
The next session will begin @ St. Michael Church, Wheaton on Wednesday, February 8th (6:30pm – 8:30pm). It will be located on the East End of the Narthex in the Family Room.
The self-help group meets weekly and is focused on working through the grief and mourning process. The objective is to facilitate the process of healing and growth.
Registration is required and limited spots available, therefore, please contact Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt at dladerholdt@gmail.com or 630.234.8704.

FOR COUPLES MARRIED FIVE YEARS OR LESS

All couples married since 2012 are warmly invited to this 10 am -1 pm event at the Cathedral of St. Raymond on Saturday, February 18. Couples will receive down to earth practical ideas for making happiness a habit in their marriages, and will be invited to consider how to find support for the kind of marriage they want to have. The event will end with pizza and beer/pop.
The session will be led by Dr. Jim Healy, director of the diocesan Office of Family Ministry and a well-known speaker and writer on marriage. Participants will receive materials and resources to help them on their journey.
Please pre-register by Feb. 15 online at http://conta.cc/2g2EVRE or by calling 815-838-5334. The cost is $10 per couple at the door.


ST. JOSEPH PARISH (DOWNTOWN GROVE)

OVERNIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE

Please join St. Joseph Parish Catholics for Life for an overnight Vigil for Life before the Blessed Sacrament in recognition of the two Supreme Court decisions of 1973 that made abortion legal in the United States, and in memory of the tens of millions of babies killed in the womb since.
The vigil begins in the Chapel (to the left as you enter the church) with a rosary on Sunday, January 22nd, at 6:30pm, and continues overnight and all-day Monday, January 23rd, ending with a rosary starting at 5:30pm.
A Holy Hour for Life will be held on Sunday evening from 8:00 – 9:00pm.
Please send an email indicating when you will attend to SJC.ProLife@gmail.com, or join us at anytime during the vigil hours.
St. Joseph Church is located at 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL.

MAYSLEAKE MINISTRIES UPONING PROGRAMS

**How Big is Your God?**
John Holmes
Jan, 26, 2017
TIME: 7pm-9pm
LOCATION: Mayslake Ministries
COST: $20

**Walking with Angels**
Dr. Mary Amore
Jan, 31, 2017
TIME: 12:30pm-2:30pm
LOCATION: Mayslake Ministries
COST: $20

To register for either of these programs please visit our website at www.mayslakeministries.org or call our offices at 630-852-9000.

January 15, 2017
This Week

Monday / 16

3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Parish Library
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
7:15 PM Prayer Group Living Room
8:00 PM CRHP #20 - Men Large Conf. Rm.

Tuesday / 17

7:00 AM School Gathering Place
2:00 PM Girl Scouts Grp. B Gath. Pl. A
3:00 PM Cheerleading Gym
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
6:00 PM Altar Servers Church
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Gath. Pl. A
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study Underground

Wednesday / 18

7:00 AM School Gathering Pl.
3:00 PM Cheerleading Gym
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education School/GP
6:00 PM Religious Education Sch/L.Rm/Ch/GP
6:30 PM 6:00 Choir Church
7:00 PM Divine Mercy Devotions Cmte. Parish Library

Thursday / 19

9:00 AM Morning Bible Study Gathering Pla
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
2:30 PM Altar Servers Church
3:30 PM Basketball Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education Sch/L.Rm./G.P.
5:45 PM Children's Choir Church
6:00 PM Athletics L.R.C.
7:00 PM Choir Church
7:00 PM Evening Book Discussion Parish Library
7:00 PM Caregiver Community Living Room
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Gathering Pl.

Friday / 20

3:30 PM Basketball Gym
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 21

12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Basketball Gym
4:30 PM Children’s Choir Church
7:00 PM Jr. High Social Gym

Sunday / 22

7:00 AM CRHP #23 - Men Living Room
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gath. Pl B & C
9:00 AM Boy Scouts Parish Library
10:00 AM RCIA for Children Parish Lib/UG
1:00 PM Basketball Gym
1:30 PM Conf. Retreat B Gathering Place
1:30 PM Baptism Church
1:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Church
4:30 PM Sunday Teen Study Underground
7:00 PM CRHP #32 - Women Gath. Place A
8:00 PM Men’s Basketball Gym
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.

RECONCILATION: 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.