FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25
The Music Ministry's purpose is to help lead the congregation's worship of God through the use of music and song. The details of the beginnings of the Music Ministry at St. Mary's have been lost to time. However, there is no doubt that the founders of our parish would be amazed at the developments in this ministry. Given the poverty of the first parishioners, it is likely that music was limited to simple congregational singing in the early days.

It is known that a choir existed in 1941 (St. Cecilia Club) and that the Felician Sisters ran a children's choir at least by the 1950s. In the 1960s, Sr. Adria Pinski, a Felician sister who served as Principal of St. Mary of Gostyn School (1960-1971), started a children's Mass Choir for Junior High students. This choir sang at the first “guitar Masses” at St. Mary’s. One of the Junior High teachers at the school, Mr. Jim Cwik, played guitar to accompany the children’s choir while Sr. Adria conducted the choir at school Masses. Sr. Adria also introduced the students to 2-part harmony singing.

By the 1970s, St. Mary’s had established a formal Music Ministry. Linda Ryan served as the first Director of this ministry from 1972–1978. In 1973, Fr. William “Rusty” Shaughnessy was assigned to St. Mary of Gostyn in his first assignment as a priest. He recruited singers and guitarists to start a Folk Group that sang first at the 11:15 am Mass on Sunday, and later at the 5:15 pm Mass on Saturdays. Two members of that group, Carol Sommer and Therese (Hanlon) DeSitter, still play guitar to this day at Mass. Other people who were original members of this group include Ken and Marge Tobias, owners of Tobias Music in Downers Grove, and parishioner Matt Claus. The group even boasted a banjo player for a time – Dennis Donahue, son of our former deacon Jim Donahue. The folk group later included guest musicians who joined the group for a couple of years at Fr. Rusty’s invitation: Art and Anita Siegel (brother and sister of Bishop Joseph Siegel). Art played guitar and Anita cantored, and helped the Folk Group greatly improve the quality of their ministry. The Folk Group evolved over the years into the Contemporary Ensemble, which currently sings at the 8am Sunday Mass.

During the 1970s, Barbara Gleason began serving at St. Mary’s as the accompanist for the main choir in addition to playing for school, sacramental and parish masses and weddings and funerals. She would continue to serve up until 2012, well over 40 years.

In 1978, Ken Steinbacher, for whom the music room is named, began his tenure as the Director of Music for St. Mary’s. Dedicated and outgoing, Ken would often hold sectional practices at his home, in addition to the weekly practices at church. He also ran the children’s choir. During his tenure, he would often coordinate Sunday afternoon concerts at St. Mary’s, special concerts for Christmas and Easter, and concerts at/with other churches. He was born into eternity in 1998.

After Ken’s passing, Maria Andrews served in several roles. Along with her husband, Keith, she coordinated a Contemporary Guitar Group. She also directed the Children’s Choir. In the late 1990’s, she established and directed the parish’s first Handbell Choir. Darlene Crilly, a parishioner, also served as Director of the Handbell Choir. When St. Mary’s established a 6 PM Sunday evening Mass, Dr. Michael Acquaviva became the pianist and director of the 6 PM singers. Dr. Acquaviva also directed the Parish Children’s Choir and assisted with the production of the St. Mary School Christmas Program. Following Dr. Mike, Jenny Reusz took over the responsibilities of the Parish Children’s Choir.

Sources: the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book; Growing up in Gostyn by Josette (Durham) Songco; interviews with Steve Bisaillon, Mike Derry, Therese DeSitter, Annette Gambo, Noel Ganay, and Aleena Truby
Fourth Sunday of Lent

God sees with the eyes of the heart, into the heart of each of us. In these days of cultural and commercial emphasis on outward beauty, it is important to be reminded that "the Lord does not see as mortals see."

The story of David’s anointing may seem to belie that, since we hear that the boy "was ruddy... [with] beautiful eyes...handsome." And David was anointed with oil, a symbol of royalty.

But the gospel presents a different picture for our eyes to fix upon. A man born blind, thus looked upon as a sinner whose physical appearance is not even worthy of note and whose status in life is classless, meets up with someone who calls himself "the Light of the World." The blind man is anointed with mud, a mixture of the dust of the earth and spittle from the mouth of Jesus. Could this connote a blending of the human (formed from the dust of the earth) and the divine (the Word of God issuing forth from the mouth of Jesus)?

Blind eyes thus pasted shut with this mud, the man is directed to "wash in the pool of Siloam" and he "came back able to see." The gospel tells us that "siloam" means "sent," and we know that water means baptism. And so we have a conversion story — one that ultimately turns human notions of seeing and beauty upside down.

None of us can claim to have known Christ as well when we were baptized as we do today. So it is with the man in our story. Each time the question is posed of who Jesus is, this neophyte sees a bit clearer. He is on a journey of faith that takes him from total darkness to a profession of faith: "Lord, I believe." We can safely presume his journey does not end there.

Do we look at others with the eyes of the heart? When we are asked who Jesus is, what is our answer? How well do we see?

Elsie Hainz McGrath

PRETZELS

In many houses, Lent means pretzels, not the straight sticks but the curved ones. Here’s why: pretzels originated as a simple Lenten bread when people fasted from milk, butter and eggs. The pretzel was a reminder of the need for prayer because they were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer, an older posture than folded hands. The word "pretzel" comes from the Latin bracellae, which means "little arms." Each night at dinner a pretzel by each person’s place is a simple reminder that Lent is a time for prayer.

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread – When we pray the Our Father, we ask God to provide our food. The Majority of us receive sufficient food. Others do not. We can be our Father’s instrument by providing "bread" for the needy. You do this by your contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Food Pantry. Weekly donations can be placed in the barrels at the entrances to church.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

The night comes on when no one can work.
While I am in the world I am the Light of the world.
Children’s Choir
Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Any child in grades 3-8, in School, or Religious Education is invited to join the Parish Children’s Choir to sing for Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 16th.

The Children’s Choir rehearsals are:
April 6th from 5:45-6:45 PM in church
And Monday, April 10th, 5:45-7:00 PM

The children do not need to fill out a form, simply e-mail Mr. Bisaillon or Ms. Reusz and come to the practice.

Ms. Reusz hreusz@gmail.com
Mr. Bisaillon sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday afternoon with the School children - All are invited
1:45 PM in the church
April 5 & 12

Reconciliation

Tuesdays, 6:45 PM
Following the 6:00 PM Mass
March 28, April 4 & 11
Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
April 1 & 8

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 3/19/2017 $31,617.27
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 16-17) $29,300.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $1,098,750.00
Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date $1,213,750.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $1,083,839.50
Christmas Collections to Date $111,116.10
Total Collections to Date $1,194,955.60
Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($18,794.40)

Please remember St. Mary of Gostyn when estate planning.

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ’s work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ’s active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?
IT’S LENTEN SEASON! JOIN US AGAIN AT ST. MARY OF GOSTYN FOR OUR FOURTH YEAR OF….

Spring Baskets

Thanks to your generosity in 2016, Baskets were given to 100 children in need! That was a great accomplishment! Since this ministry had been so well received, we would like help 90 children this year.

In 2017, St. Mary of Gostyn, along with Catholic Charities, is adopting 90 children in need to provide essentials this Lenten Season. Typically, children will need a shirt, shorts, pants or shorts, socks/shoes, underwear and a toy or two for the summer.

This will be a wonderful experience. Please consider helping a child in need by providing a Spring Basket. Thank you for your consideration.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Fill out the form below and place it in one of the “Spring Baskets Name Collection Boxes” located at each church entrance. You may also contact Amy Laverty at 630-796-5567 or at springbaskets@yahoo.com for more information.

SCHEDULE
Basket Drop off Date: Sunday, April 2nd, 2017
Location: Amy Laverty’s house at 1016 Palmer Street, DG or Danielle Heyer’s house at 6562 Davane Lane, DG

2017 SPRING BASKET ADOPT-A-CHILD SIGN UP

Please provide the following information:
Your Name: ________________________________________________________
Your Address: ________________________________________________________
Your phone number: _________________________________________________
Your email address: _________________________________________________
The number of children for which you want to provide a Spring Basket: ________
We will contact you to provide information about the child that you will be adopting.
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017  
6:15 AM - Florita Bohan  
8:00 AM - Karl Norbeck req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller  
Patrick Ryan McNaughton req. Neill Family  

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017  
6:15 AM - Deceased Members of the Beales & Regis Families req. Families  
6:00 PM - Jack Louis Cesarone req. Michael Cesarone  

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017  
6:15 AM - Paul Keel req. Augie & Noreen Sisco  
8:00 AM - Larry Pecka Jr. req. Eleanor Pecka  
Dennis Hearne req. Doyle Family  

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017  
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest  
8:00 AM - Rudolf Fischer req. Pinter Family  

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017  
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest  
8:00 AM - Gloria Merzlock req. Family  

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2017  
8:00 AM - Mary & Nicholas Kozak req. Stanley & Wayne  
4:30 PM - Miss Francesca Campione req. Michela Campione  
John Lowry req. Maurer Family  

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2017  
8:00 AM - Corey Walgren req. St. Vincent de Paul Society  
10:00 AM - Leon Paruszkiewicz req. Melody Leone  
Maurice Tremblay req. Bob & Ginger Jurish  
12:00 PM - Howard W. Baldwin req. Duffy Family  
6:00 PM - People of the Parish  

TODAY'S READINGS  
First Reading - As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained  
with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).  
Psalm - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).  
Second Reading - You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).  
Gospel - The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my  
eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41)  

READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Lifetouch Photo Session appointment scheduling is now closed for the March sessions. If you were unable to make an appointment for this session, you may contact either Jennifer Snider: sniderjl1993@gmail.com; phone: (630) 926-4188 or Cheryl Basile: cbasile@stmarygostyn.org; phone (630) 960-3565 ext. 261 to be added to a wait-list (in case of cancellations).

For those who have appointments: Please arrive 5-10 minutes ahead of your appointment time to complete check-in paperwork.

Volunteers are still needed to host the photographers and welcome families having their portraits taken. To volunteer, go to: http://tinyurl.com/zxux4dm or contact Jennifer Snider at sniderjl1993@gmail.com or 630 926-4188.

For those parishioners who participated in the Lifetouch Photo Sessions in December, and did not opt to buy a photo package, you may pick up your free 8x10 at the Parish Center during normal business hours Monday through Friday (8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm) or Monday through Thursday (5:30pm - 7:30pm).

St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, April 5 Parish Center 9:30 AM  
Mother Angelica by Raymond Arroyo
The remarkable story of a cloistered nun who founded the Eternal Word Television Network that reaches millions of viewers.

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, April 20 Parish Center 7:00 PM  
Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
A book that discusses how to end our lives with dignity and grace and changes your perspective on what it means to be alive.

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.
Catholic Education Foundation provides grants to those who want to attend St. Mary’s School*

By Denise Freese, Suburban Life Publications

The tuition assistance provided by the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) gives many students the opportunity to attend Catholic elementary and high schools. The CEF, a 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to the advancement of Catholic education in the Diocese of Joliet throughout its seven counties, has provided over $20 million in scholarships and grants over the past 20 years.

“The Kazma Family Scholarship, which focuses on student performance, provides up to $6,000 each year for Catholic high school tuition,” said Joe Langenderfer, Chief Executive Officer of CEF. The deadline is March 1 of each year, so it is important to plan in advance if you would like to apply for tuition assistance. This merit-based grant is given to students who have superior academic grades and actively participate in their parish or civic community.

In addition, current and prospective SMG families with a verified financial need are encouraged to apply through the CEF for tuition assistance for their K-12 students. Since 2014 alone, 84 SMG students have received $14,000 in aid from the CEF Scholarship program. “Our criteria for acceptance doesn’t involve a cut-off amount,” said Langenderfer. “Each applicant is considered and evaluated based on how their circumstances compare to other applicants during a given year. Funding is limited, so an applicant may receive assistance one year but not the following year. Financial aid depends on the applicants income and expenses but also on other applicants’ financial situations.

“In total, the CEF gave over $2 million in various scholarships to 1,680 students,” added Langenderfer. “We had 4,000 applicants, but would have needed $9 million to help them all.”

Scholarships may be designated for students of single parents, specific cultures, academic performance, special needs, or other criteria, so contact the CEF (www.CEFjoliet.org) for information. Donations to help the CEF assist students can also be made on the website.


School Advisory Body (SAB) Seeks New Members

The School Advisory Board (SAB) is seeking new members to serve on the board starting Fall 2017. The SAB provides advice and assistance to the pastor and principal on a variety of issues including school policy, strategic planning, public relations, budgeting, endowment development, fundraising, athletics, marketing, and development.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30pm in the Learning Resource Center for an evening of information. If you have any questions or would like to nominate a candidate, please contact Eileen Logan at eileenelogan@yahoo.com or at 630-205-9198.

Watch upcoming issues of the bulletin for more ways that you can get involved with your child’s school during the next school year!
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

- Nicholas T. Almeida
- Kathy Berg
- Dan Chorney
- Jessica Davy
- Rion Goyette
- Joseph Karlinski
- Robert Lehner
- Kate Moss
- Fr. Ernie Norbeck
- Kay Selfridge
- Sharon Tallercico
- Bernie Chudzik
- Gertrude Butzen
- Jerome Kawka
- Peggy Davis
- Sharon Allard
- Lois Bach
- Sharon Binter
- Ann Clark
- Dennis Finn
- Gen Hadamik
- Kenny Kern
- Diane Main
- James Murawski
- Daniel Oliver
- Eliza Skipworth
- Hugh Toner
- Michael Martel
- Natalya Brechlin
- Jason Weeks
- Kevin Braasch
- Michael Martel
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- Christopher Fountain
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- Zachary Frana
- Michael Martel
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- Tom Brown
- Bill Brown
- Margaret Corbett
- Becca Gorman
- Darlene Hammer
- Ken Krupp
- Eddie Mayerik
- Andrea Mutton
- Eleanor Pecka
- Yogie Snider
- Laine Van Houton
- Michael Hearne
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- Tom Mendoza
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- Mary Ann Lang
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- Joey Stefka
- Loretta Wies
- Brett Luten
- Mary Beth Garafolo
- Rose Verona
- Judith Lynn Abella
- Abby Beranek
- Felicia Bubula
- Frank Davis
- Diane Goyette
- Donna Karlinski
- Doreen Lehner
- Dolores Mendoza
- Rob Noonan
- Char Ryan
- Joan Tagglionia
- Ashley Woltman
- Terri Corbett
- Heather Moss
- Joanna Shilt
- Fr. John Bosco Panakal

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Eleanor Swiglo

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
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Easter Memorial Flowers

The celebration of Easter is an experience of Life. We remember the New Life Christ gave us once He rose from the dead. This feast is remembered for fifty days. From Easter to Pentecost, we gather as Easter people celebrating Christ’s resurrection.

During this time we will have the church decorated with plants and flowers. This is an excellent opportunity to remember deceased family members and friends. You may fill out this form, place it in an envelope marked “Easter Memorial Flowers,” and put it in the collection basket. We will continue to publish the list of memorials in the parish bulletin.

Your name: _______________________________________________________________

(please print clearly)

In Memory of: ____________________________________________________________
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Totus Tuus
Catholic Summer Camp
Is Coming to St. Mary
June 10–16
Incoming Grades 1-12
Check the website for more info.
stmarygostyn.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
BREAKING BREAD SERVICE
All children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their parents are invited to St. Mary of Gostyn annual Breaking Bread Service. Plan to come at your assigned time either on

Tuesday, April 4 at 6:45 pm or
Wednesday, April 5 at 6:45 pm

March and April
RE Calendar Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

• March 29 & 30  No RE—Spring Break
• April 3  Phase I of 2017-18 Registration Opens for currently 2016-17 families
• April 4  Tuesday Lenten Mass 6 pm
• April 4 (6:45 pm) 1st Communion Breaking Bread
• April 5 (6:30 pm) 1st Communion Breaking Bread
• April 5 & 6  No 2nd Grade RE Classes

CONFIRMATION
3/11/17
COME HOLY SPIRIT

A MARVELOUS PARISH CELEBRATION
Youth Ministry presents
Living Stations of the Cross & Simple Soup Supper

Thank you for the soup donation

Critical acclaim for all the actors, and thank you to the hardworking team of teens in the kitchen who served soup!

Where will your Lenten Journey take you?

Evening Mass at 6:00 pm
Reconciliation at 6:45 pm
Reflection at 7:00 pm in the Underground

Tuesday Evenings at St. Mary’s

What is the Feast of Divine Mercy?

On this day, Jesus promises to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. This is a call for ALL to be washed clean in his Love, through Holy Communion and Confession. He is offering a fresh start.

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 23
2:30 pm in Church

We all need God’s mercy. Saint John Paul II established the Feast of Divine Mercy on the first Sunday of Easter.
We will celebrate the Second Scrutiny with our Elect at the 8:00 AM Mass today, at which time we will also present the Creed to them. These rites are significant in the faith journey of these individuals as they move towards the Easter Vigil and into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

The Second Scrutiny, by means of the story of the man born blind, focuses on social sin. Using the powerful images of religious leaders who are blinded to the Christ and play on the fear and indifference of the man’s parents, the story evokes the tragic impact of a community turned away from the light of truth. The blind man finds himself surrounded by Jewish leaders who conspire against anyone who would recognize Jesus as God’s instrument of salvation. The helplessness of the man in the face of this evil was the weight carried by this truly tragic figure. It is only with God’s help (in Jesus) that a way out is possible.

The Presentation of the Creed is one of the final major instructional events for the Elect. It is one of the only instructions given publicly. We, as church, are passing along our traditions. Our Creed is the summation of the trinitarian faith into which the elect will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Please continue to pray for our Elect and Candidates, their Sponsors and the RCIA team, during these final weeks of preparation, as all journey to the glory of the Easter Vigil.

Jennifer Joy Gallman
will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, today, Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Presider Schedule for Saturday, April 1st & Sunday, April 2nd

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**Easter Triduum Vocation Discernment Retreat**  
**April 13 - April 16, 2017**

Catholic men between 18 and 45 years old are invited to a vocation retreat to be held at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, during the Easter Triduum: from Holy Thursday, April 13 (4:00 PM) through Easter Sunday, April 16 (1:00 PM). Join the monks for prayer, work and meals as they prepare for and celebrate these holy days. This is an opportunity to share the way of life of the monks and prayerfully to consider whether God is calling you to the Benedictine way of life. Attendance is free, but space is limited. Please contact Fr. James Flint at vocations@procopius.org to reserve a spot.

**Gathered in My Name: Ecumenism in the World Church**

The Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology at DePaul University would like to invite you to our conference this coming April 28 - 30 in Chicago. The conference is free of charge and commemorates the 500th anniversary of Reformation. Speakers from countries as diverse as India, Nigeria, Brazil, Chile and Sri Lanka will meet on DePaul’s campus to discuss the lingering repercussions of the Reformation in the global South - Asia, Africa and Latin America - as well as the efforts there to bridge ecclesial divides. Call 773-325-4159 for more information.

**“A Glimpse Into the Spiritual Lives of Men”**

A morning of reflection and prayer for men and women alike presented by Father Kurt Boras and Father Monk Malloy, the 18th President of Notre Dame University.

**Date:** Saturday, April 8th from 8 AM - 12 Noon  
**Location:** St. Patrick Church  
200 E. Illinois St., Lemont IL 60439  
To register please visit http://www.stpatricklemont.org/ or call 630-257-4640.

**Rise and Dine Breakfast Benefit**

Project Love, the charitable outreach of Illinois Citizens for Life has provided 1250 emergency financial grants to pregnant women and new mothers of infants over the past twenty-one years. They are hosting their Ninth Annual Rise and Dine Breakfast at The Hilton Hotel, 3003 Corporate West Drive in Lisle, on Sunday, April 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a raffle, and silent auction. Reservations are required. Admission is $40. Please call ICL at 630-852-5448 or go to www.icl-life.com to print out a form and mail to the office, 5021 Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Or email Eileen at eileenm.plc@icl-life.com, 630-963-8039.

The 2017 Caritas Awards will be presented to Aid for Women Pregnancy Centers and to Margaret and Bill Edwards in recognition of their outstanding contributions to improving the quality of life for these desperate young women. Your support for moms and their babies is greatly appreciated.

**Tuesday Night with the Sisters Returns for 2017**

Join us this year as we look at the Beatitudes of Pope Francis through the eyes of St. Benedict.

**Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 – 8:00pm.**

Dr. Chris Fletcher from Benedictine University will guide us through the first beatitude, *Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others, and forgive them from their heart.*

Please come to the Sacred Heart Monastery entrance at 1910 Maple Ave. Lisle. The statue of the Sacred Heart is at our front door. The talk is free, but donations are appreciated.

**Annual Religious Recognitions Mass and Ceremony**

Attention ALL Scouts – Male and Female. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Religious Recognition Ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill. The event is free and open to ALL Scouts (male or female). No pre-registration is needed. For more information, visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘Events’ from the main page.
This Week

Monday / 27
12:30 PM Lifetouch Photography Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Chapel
7:15 PM Prayer Group Living Room

Tuesday / 28
12:30 PM Lifetouch Photography Gathering Place
6:00 PM Mass Church
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:45 PM Reconciliation Church
7:00 PM Grief Support Group Living Room
7:00 PM Worship & Spiritual Life Comm. Large Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 29
12:30 PM Lifetouch Photography Gathering Place
6:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Gath. Pl. C

Thursday / 30
12:30 PM Lifetouch Photography Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
7:00 PM Choir Church

Friday / 31
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place
5:30 PM KC Fish Fry Gym

Saturday / 1
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Lifetouch Photography Gathering Place

Sunday / 2
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
10:00 AM RCIA for Children Underground Church
4:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir
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.