FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2, 2017

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

John 11:43
One group which no longer exists today, but contributed greatly to the Music Ministry, was the “New Testament” Music Group. Frank Bergandi, Doug Pryor and Debbie Nestle, members of the 10:15 Choir, formed this group in 1989. Other singers and instrumentalists also joined this group. The New Testament Music Group sang twice a month at the 8:30 am Mass on Sundays and also provided music for Confirmation Masses and other special liturgies throughout the year. Their music included contemporary Christian songs as well as songs by Catholic composers. This group would serve the Music Ministry until 1996; some of its members still serve in music ministries as of the publishing of this article.

Today, we are blessed to have many talented musicians and singers in our Music Ministry. The Ministry is led by Steve Bisaillon, who joined St. Mary’s in 1998 as Parish Music Director. Dawn Brechtel joined the music ministry in 2012 and serves as the conductor for both the 10am Choir and the Festival Choir. In September of 2009, Noel Ganay and Gerry Volk became the leaders of the 6pm choir and instrumentalists (originally known as the Life Teen Mass.) Heather (Ruesz) Durham is our current Children’s Choir Director. Our Handbell choir is currently coordinated by Arlene Reusz. Within the Music Ministry, there are over 90 singers, cantors, and instrumentalists. Among our musicians, we have a mix of new people and veterans of 30-40 years. The following is a brief summary of the groups within our Music Ministry:

- The **Contemporary Ensemble** serves at the 8am Sunday Mass. This group also sings for various prayer services and other liturgies as needed.
- The **10am Choir** is a mixed voice (SATB) choir open to all parish singers, junior high and high school through adult. This choir, along with other occasional singers, forms the **FESTIVAL CHOIR**, which ministers at all of the major Holy Day liturgies such as Midnight Mass, and the Triduum / Easter liturgies.
- The **6:00pm Choir/Instrumentalists** leads the congregation during our Sunday evening Mass. The music at this mass is in the style of Contemporary Christian / Catholic music. The group consists of teens and adults. It is a great way for teens to be involved in the Mass. The group is looking for singers and musicians, particularly on the contemporary side (guitar, bass, drums, piano, percussion).
- **Cantors** serve at Masses that do not have choirs (Saturday, 4:30pm, Sunday noon and other Masses as needed). The cantor’s primary role is to assist the congregation in the singing of the hymns, songs and acclamations of the Mass.
- The **Resurrection Choir**, also considered a part of the Bereavement Ministry, serves at funerals and memorial masses throughout the week (Monday-Saturday). This choir is open to any person who likes to sing and is available to sing during the week.

For anyone who feels called to serve in the Music Ministry, please contact Noel Ganay for the 6:00pm Group (nganay@icloud.com), Heather (Reusz) Durham for the Children’s Choir (hreusz@gmail.com) or Steve Bisaillon for all other inquiries 630 969-1063 ext 236 (sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org).

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
Fifth Sunday of Lent

ONLY ON
THE third day does Jesus begin the trip back to Bethany, to visit his ill friend, Lazarus. By the time he arrives, Lazarus has been four days buried. Thus begins one of the most moving stories in all the gospels.

Martha, earlier depicted as resentful of her sister being a disciple to Jesus while she herself was saddled with the busyness of being a proper hostess, comes out to meet Jesus. The conversation that follows moves Martha to radical discipleship: “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One coming into the world.”

Lazarus is brought back to life in order that those assembled “would see the glory of God.” The raising of Lazarus is a story of hope for people who fear the ultimacy of death. Ezekiel’s God tells us: “When I open your graves...O my people...I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.” Our God is a God of the living, and in God there is no death. “Unbind him, and let him go,” Jesus tells those surrounding the tomb of Lazarus. Lazarus cannot live unless he is set free.

What do we need unbound in our lives, in order that we may freely live in Christ?

Elsie Hainz McGrath

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Next weekend at all the Masses, Palms will be blessed and distributed as part of the liturgy commemorating Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Masses next weekend:
Saturday 4:30 PM;
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 AM;
12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM.

Something to think about . . .

Before her conversion and her remarkable work among the poor, Dorothy Day spent many a night in New York’s bars. On her way home around sunrise, she would often stop in at Mass at St. Joseph’s on Sixth Avenue. What drew her were the people there kneeling in prayer. She writes: "I seemed to feel the faith of those about me and I longed for their faith."

What was a major milestone in my faith journey?
125th Anniversary Directory

The final round of photography for the 125th Anniversary Directory is complete! Altogether, over 200 families and individuals had their photos taken and will be included in the directory. Thank you for your participation and support! A very special thank you to our volunteers for sign-up tables and hosting!

If you were not able to schedule an appointment during these sessions, you may contact Lifetouch representatives at 1-866-756-0281. Lifetouch representatives will help you schedule an appointment at a local church. Your photo will be included in our directory and you will still get a free 8”x10” of your directory photo as well as a free copy of the directory.

If you cannot schedule an appointment with a local church, but have a family photo that you would like to submit for the directory, you may submit a digital copy via e-mail to sniderjl1993@gmail.com. You will have to submit a check for $10 (made out to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish) to the Rectory. If you do not have a digital copy of the photo, you may bring a hard copy of the photo to the Rectory for scanning. You will receive a free copy of the directory with your submission. You must submit your photo and payment by 24 April, 2017.

If you did not opt to have a photo taken, but would still like to reserve a copy of the directory, you may submit your name and phone number to sniderjl1993@gmail.com. Directories will cost $20. Payment is due upon receipt.

Directories will be distributed in late August-mid September. Please watch the bulletin for further details.

Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 3/26/2017 $24,462.44
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 16-17) $29,300.00

Goals to Date
- Sunday Goal to Date $1,128,050.00
- Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
- Total Goals to Date $1,243,050.00

Collections to Date
- Sunday Collections to Date $1,108,301.90
- Christmas Collections to Date $111,116.10
- Total Collections to Date $1,219,418.60
- Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($23,632.00)

Other Collections
- Catholic Relief Services $6,786.15

Please remember St. Mary of Gostyn when estate planning.

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.
"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Beautiful words from today’s Gospel reading. As we approach the holiest week of the year, let us be reminded that as true believers, we will never die in the eyes of our loving God.

As we approach the closing of our 125th year here at SMG, we have much to be thankful for through our Capital Campaign. Our Capital Campaign is something to help our SMG community for years to come, that like in our Gospel reading today, for us that believe in it, may SMG be here for generations to come - to never die. Your continued support to our Capital Campaign is greatly appreciated.

**Boiler/North Air Handler Update**

Our Boiler project has been completed. As I am writing this, a final walk-through from our engineers is scheduled for Thursday the 30th. Like any projects, there are some unexpected issues that come about which were referred to in the Fall Advancement Newsletter that was sent to all households. As soon as the temperature stabilizes in Spring, we will be able to finish the setup and testing of the North AC air handler unit. Our temperatures later this spring and into the summer should be balanced much better in the church with two operating units instead of just the south end.

**Next Project!**

We are just about ready to go to bid with our next project for our Capital Campaign. This summer, the main school building will have a VRF system installed in all of the classrooms. VRF stands for Variable Refrigerant Flow which would be the type of cooling system installed. This system will allow us to install a great system with the lack of space available to us in the ceiling. Also as part of this project, the school office will have a new rooftop AC unit installed. Both projects will be completed before the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

For anyone reading this that may want to submit a bid for this project should contact Millies Engineering Group to setup an online account. Millies can be reached at [http://www.megce.com/](http://www.megce.com/) or by phone at 219-924-8400. This will also give you access to any necessary documents. A contractor walk-through will be scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017.

**THANK YOU! Would you like to make a contribution?**

Your continued support of the Capital Campaign here at St. Mary’s makes these projects go from a dream to reality. If you have not given a gift yet and would like to contribute, please contact our parish Business Office for more information.

**Douglas/Gierz Corner Lot**

Through our Facilities Strategic Plan that was completed last summer, our Building and Grounds committee is currently looking at adding playground equipment at this portion of our property. There will be more information to come in future bulletins.

May God continue to bless you in all that you do this week!

**Vince Zaprzal**

Operations Director

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**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
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
6:15 AM - Janie Hennessy req. Jean & Mark Fredericks
8:00 AM - Patricia Wojtach req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
6:15 AM - Eleanor Conrad req. Ron & Mary Buchler
6:00 PM - Lorraine Stephenson req. Brad Luecke

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017
6:15 AM - Joseph Kopack req. Family
8:00 AM - Frank Villis req. Cynthia Villis

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017
6:15 AM - Richard Bonk
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Dolores & Judy Ronaldson

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017
6:15 AM - Thaddeus Raczka req. Bubula Family
9:15 AM - Fr. Donald Kenny req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017
8:00 AM - Al Dipalma
4:30 PM - Raymond F. Heye req. Family
   Edward Wies req. Loretta Wies

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017, PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION
8:00 AM - Maurice Tremblay req. Ploskonka Family
10:00 AM - Annemarie Gunther req. William Gunther
   Bill Heame req. Doyle Family
12:00 PM - Miss Francesca Campione req. Michela Campione
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).
Psalm - With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).
Second Reading - If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).
Gospel - Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66

** PLEASE NOTE **
There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, April 7th.
There will be a 9:15 AM Mass celebrating Special Persons Day with the school children.
A Warm Welcome
We welcome:
Bridget Duch
Douglas & Meghan Giebel
Kevin & Erin McDonough
Ryan White
Benjamin & Kate Wilson
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn
Parish recently.

ARE YOU READY?
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2017 SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

WHEN:  SUNDAY APRIL 23RD FROM 7:30AM UNTIL 2:00PM.
WHERE:  EAST SIDE OF THE CHURCH PARKING LOT NEAR FAIRVIEW AVE

Through your donations many of our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters are provided clothing and household items at little or no cost. We accept all clothing, household items, linens, blankets, books in good condition, toys, knick-knacks, throw pillows, Glassware, Cookware, computers and shoes.

ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT OUR CLOTHING DRIVES:
No Infant equipment (strollers, cribs, car seats, high chairs, etc.)
No Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Editions, or Magazines.
No Sporting Goods (Bowling Balls, Ski’s, Exercise Equipment, Tents, or Sleeping Bags.
No Items containing mold, mildew, or that smell musty.
No Clothes hangers.
No Bed pillows, mattress’s or mattress covers.
No Blinds or drapery rods unless new in box

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, LARGE PLASTIC BAGS FOR USE IN THE CLOTHING DRIVE WILL BE
PLACED AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES
FOR LARGE ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE, PLEASE CALL FOR A HOME PICK UP AT 630-231-4658

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.

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 St. Mary’s selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
SMG Teacher Kim Caldwell’s discusses her decision to switch from public to Catholic school*

By Frank Glowaty, Advancement Director

It’s no secret that teachers in a Catholic school often earn only 60% of what their classroom experience and educational background would bring them had they chosen to ‘follow the money’ and teach at a public school. Given that teachers have mortgages, car payments, home repairs, and utility bills like the rest of us, few would begrudge any educator from choosing a more lucrative career path.

However, this year St. Mary’s School hired a new teacher who has gone counter cultural. Meet Kim Caldwell, our fourth and fifth grade Language Arts and Reading teacher. A graduate of Illinois State University in 2014, Kim has her degree in elementary education with an endorsement in Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science.

Upon earning her Bachelor’s degree, Kim accepted the first teaching offer she received, from W.A. Johnson School in Bensenville. “I loved my two years there in third grade,” she said, “as people went out of their way to make my transition to the school a pleasant and happy one.”

But then the Holy Spirit took over.

“A lot of my students were parishioners of St. Alexis Parish where they make their First Holy Communion in third grade. My students would often talk freely about their sacramental preparation and even ask if they could read their religion textbook during their study period. They also asked me what I thought about God and his presence in my life.” Naturally, Kim was not allowed to interject God or anything about her faith life into her teaching day. But yet she often thought about how wonderful it would be to be able to freely talk about her faith life in her work environment.

Although she had never attended a Catholic school, she participated in religious education classes at St. Patrick of Merna near Bloomington, IL and was also very active in their youth program during her high school years. She was even a second and third grade catechist during her sophomore and junior years at ISU.

“Soon after I signed the contract at W.A. Johnson, I received a call from my former parish youth minister who had since become a Catholic school principal. He offered me a job and I was crushed that I couldn’t accept it,” Kim said.

During these past two years, Kim Caldwell prayed and asked God for guidance. Although she only needed one more year to qualify for tenure, she was open to taking a position with a Catholic school.

“When I interviewed at St. Mary’s this past summer with the principal and search committee, I felt an immediate connection. There was no doubt in my mind that this is where I belonged and my first three months here couldn’t have gone better. The administration, faculty, parents, and students have made me feel very welcome. I couldn’t be happier.” Principal Chris Tirittili said that Kim a has made a smooth transition to St. Mary’s. “I’ve been in her room several times each week and the children are engaged in learning and happy. She has created a wonderful learning atmosphere and gives evidence daily of being a loving, caring, and effective educator.”

*Reprinted from the fall edition of SMG’s Advancement Newsletter.
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Nicholas T. Almeida  Lois Bach  Anna Bandur  Gabriella Beirne  Abby Beranek
Kathy Berg  Sharon Binter  Bill Brown  Tom Brown  Felicia Bubula
Dan Chorney  Ann Clark  Margaret Corbett  Helen Czulak  Frank Davis
Jessica Davy  Dennis Finn  Becca Gorman  Mark Goggiel  Diane Goyette
Rion Davy  Gen Hadamik  Darlene Hammer  Bobby Johnson  Donna Karlinski
Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  Ken Krupp  Mary Ann Lang  Doreen Lehner
Robert Lehner  Diane Main  Eddie Mayerik  Spencer Mehr  Dolores Mendoza
Kate Moss  James Murawski  Andrea Mutton  Bob Noonan  Rob Noonan
Fr. Ernie Norbeck  Daniel Oliver  Eleanor Pecka  Cynthia Petro  Char Ryan
Kay Selfridge  Eliza Skipworth  Yoshie Snider  Joey Stokka  Joan Tagglonia
Sharon Tallerci  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton  Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman
Gertrude Butzen  Luella Eisenhammer  Ann Smith  Mary Beth Garafolo  Heather Moss
Jerome Kawka  Karen Olzowska  Tom Mendoza  Rose Verona  Joanna Shilt
Peggy Davis  Mary Ann Etzkorn  Peggy Davis  Judith Lynn Abella  Fr. John Bosco Panakal
Sharon Allard  Tom Dehner  Ken Norman  Barbara Cirko  Rosalie Dombrowski

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  Josh Cruz
Bob Lang  Zachary Frana

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Mary McConoughy, mother of Sue Zolezzi
Louis Rolih, brother of Judy Lyons

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: ____________________________________________________________
FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God’s kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
Religious Education and
Sacramental Preparation

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

- 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 (6:45 pm)    1st Communion Breaking Bread
- April 5 & 6    Religious Ed Resumes
  No 2nd Grade RE Classes

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

Totus Tuus
I am all Yours
and all that I have is Yours!
Summer 2017
Mission Camp
for Kids!

It’s Summer Camp Sign Up Time
Save the Date for St. Mary’s
Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp
June 11—16, 2017
Our team arrives on June 11 in time for Mass
Grades 7-12 begin on June 11; 7-9 every night
Grades 1-6 begin on June 12; 9-2:30 every day
Where will your Lenten Journey take you?

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance.

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts we as Christians are given. Unwrap the great inheritance that awaits you as a fully adopted child in the family of God. Enrich your faith, and see how to live it out. For, God’s great love can transform your daily life, if you allow it. Explore your calling as a member of Christ’s Church and grow in fellowship as a parish. 8 weeks. Led by Rick Sparke.

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

God’s mercy is not only to be received with trust it is also to be shared through love. Practice works of Mercy. Who should you invite to Divine Mercy Sunday?

Who should experience Divine Mercy Sunday?

We all need God’s mercy. “The Feast of Divine Mercy is a refuge and shelter for all souls… bring all souls to the spring of My mercy, I shall heal and strengthen them” Diary #206. St. Pope John Paul II established the first Sunday after Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy.

April 9

In the Underground. 4:30 to 6PM. More info at www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry tab

Solid Catholic Teaching for HS Teens

Unpacking the Sunday Mass in a way teens can relate to, making the Liturgy come alive. Net result: They see how their faith is a relevant part of their lives.

The Lord will preserve you. Psalm 121

For more information, contact Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Adult Faith Evening Bible Study tab

LIFE CHANGING.
LIFE SAVING.

Solid Catholic Teaching for HS Teens

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The Third Scrutiny is celebrated at the 8:00 AM Mass this Sunday. It is the final Scrutiny celebrated with our Elect prior to reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The Elect will also receive another Treasure of our Catholic faith: The Our Father.

Mark Searle, an associate professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame explains that the story of Lazarus is the story of his encounter with Christ and his experience of the power of God to give life to the dead. For the elect, they are to see themselves in Lazarus and to find Christ summoning them to life through the mediation of his body, which is the church.

For the parish community, who journeys with the RCIA elect towards the Easter Vigil, these readings should heighten our awareness of that which keeps us from fully experiencing the life that Christ intends for us in our daily lives. Jesus calls all of us forth from our tombs- those things that oppress us – and invites us to experience the fullness of life through dwelling in the Spirit.

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and Candidates in these final weeks of preparation.

### Presider Schedule for Saturday, April 8th & Sunday, April 9th

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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.

**MARY’S WOMEN MOTHER’S DAY TEA**
**DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2017 TIME: Noon-2:00 pm**
(Optional Rosary 11:30am)

**LOCATION:** Hilton Doubletree, Downers Grove

**COST:** $25 per person

**WE are Mary’s Women.**

Mary’s yes serves as an inspiration to all of us, as mothers and daughters, aunts and grandmothers, friends and sisters on the journey. We are Mary’s women! Join us for afternoon of High Tea as we explore the ways that we can celebrate the women in our life.

Women who have lost their mothers are invited to bring a photo of their mom for our table of Remembrance.

Please register online at mayslakeministries.org or call our offices at 630.852.9000 to register. Last day to register is May 2.

**SANCTITY GOSPEL CHOIR OF SWEDEN**
**DATE: Tuesday, April 4th**
**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE:** St. Paul United Church of Christ
5739 Dunham Road, Downers Grove

Free Admission; a freewill offering will be taken

**"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 Mallon, 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.

**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.

**HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
**Saturday, April 29th**
**St. Michael Catholic Church**
310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL
www.stmichaelcommunity.org

The Healing Mass at 10:00 a.m. will incorporate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Mass. The Mass and Sacrament is for those who:

- Have a surgery planned for a serious illness
- Living with a chronic illness or disability
- Struggling with a mental health issue
- Elderly in a weakened state of health

**MAYSlake VILLAGE APPLICATION SESSION**
**Thursday, April 20, 9:00 AM—Noon**

for the Center II Type 1,2 & 3, the Wings II and Villas one-bedroom apartments

The Session will be held at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort, located at the corner of Midwest Road and 35th Street in Oak Brook.

Effective July 1, 2017, Mayslake Village will prohibit smoking in apartments and common areas. Smoking will not be allowed on balconies or patios. Smoking will be allowed no fewer than 15 feet beyond entrances, exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes of a building.
This Week

Monday / 3
10:00 AM Medical Missions Gathering Place
2:30 PM Girl Scouts Grp. A Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary Chapel
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place

Tuesday / 4
6:00 PM Mass Church
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel
6:30 PM Religious Education Gathering Place
6:45 PM Reconciliation Church
7:00 PM Grief Support Group Living Room
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study Underground

Wednesday / 5
9:30 AM Book Discussion Group Living Room
11:00 PM Golden Agers Gathering Place
1:45 PM Stations of the Cross Church
4:30 PM Religious Education School
5:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM Religious Education Sch/LR/Chapel
6:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Church
7:00 PM Evangelization Commission Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM CRHP #33 - Women Parish Library

Thursday / 6
9:00 AM Morning Bible Study Gathering Place
1:00 PM H.S.A. Gath. Pl. A
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
4:30 PM Religious Education Sch/Church/LR
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Church
6:15 PM Cub Scouts Underground
7:00 PM Baptism Prep Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Choir Church
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Gathering Pl. A
7:00 PM CRHP #33 - Women Parish Library

Friday / 7
8:00 AM H.S.A. Gathering Place
1:15 PM Lector Training Church
5:00 PM School Musical Gym
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place

Saturday / 8
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Boy Scouts Gathering Place
8:30 AM CRHP #17 - Women Parish Library
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society Large Conf. Rm.
9:00 AM School Musical Gym
4:00 PM Athletics Gathering Place

Sunday / 9
8:00 AM RCIA Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
2:00 PM Basketball Gym
3:00 PM Boy Scouts Gath. Pl A & B
4:30 PM 6:00 PM Choir Church
4:30 PM Sunday Teen Study Underground
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.