Palm Sunday

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Matthew 21:9

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017
Święconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah), one of the most enduring and beloved of Polish traditions, continues at St. Mary’s to this day. Baskets containing Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen, lace napkin, or traditional folk fabric, and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan). The filled basket is covered with a white linen cloth (some have a colorful crocheted edging or embroidered design), representing the shroud of Christ. Families take pride in preparing the basket; boxwood, ribbon and flowers are often woven through the handle. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

While in some older or rural communities, the priest visits the home to bless the foods, the vast majority of Poles and Polish Americans visit the church on Holy Saturday.

Once all the baskets are arranged, the priest (or a deacon), blesses the food. The three-part blessing prayers specifically address the various contents of the basket, with special prayers for the meats, eggs, cakes & breads. The priest then sprinkles the individual baskets with Holy Water. More traditional Polish churches use a straw brush for dispersing the Holy Water. After the blessing, the food is set aside until Easter morning when the head of the house shares the blessed egg with family & friends. Having exchanged wishes, all continue to enjoy a hearty meal.

A Typical Basket Would Include These Symbolic Foods

* **Bread - Chleb (hlehb)** -- Usually a braided chałka, representing the staff of life given by God.
* **Easter Bread - Babka (BAHB-kah)** -- A round loaf of rich, eggy, yeast dough with raisins reminiscent of the risen Lord. It is usually decorated with a cross and symbolizes the joy of New Life given to us by Jesus Christ.
* **Butter - Masło (MAHS-woh)** -- Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation. Butter is often shaped into a lamb (symbolic of the Paschal Lamb) and known as a baranek. (When the baranek is made of sugar, it is known as baranek cukrowy wielkanocny). Sometimes the baranek is made of dough, wood or even plastic.
* **Candle - Świeca (SHVIEH-tsa)** -- The candle symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World, and can be lit when the priest blesses the baskets of food.
* **Cheese - Ser (SEHRR)** -- Cheese is a symbol to remind Christians of moderation.
* **Colored Eggs - Pisanki (pee-SAHN-kee)** -- Both colored and uncolored hard-cooked eggs indicate hope, new life and Christ rising from his tomb.
* **Ham - Szyanka (SHIN-kah)** -- Meats are symbolic of great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.
* **Sausage - Kiełbasa (kyehw-BAH-sah)** -- The sausage links are symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as of God's generosity.
* **Horseradish - Chrzan (HZAHN)** -- This is a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus and the vinegar it is mixed with symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross. It also reminds us that Christ overcame this suffering and death by his resurrection.
* **Salt - Sól (SOOL)** -- as salt is essential to our bodies, Christ is essential to our souls. We are to become so imbued with His Gospel that we become “the salt of the earth.”
* **Sweets - Słodycze (swoh-DIH-cheh)** Sweets suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come.

May the Lord grant that this wonderful tradition continue at St. Mary’s and that many future generations have the opportunity to experience this blessing!

PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD’S PASSION

During this very holy and tradition-filled week, try to spend some quiet family time reflecting on events that took place during Jesus’ last painful days on earth.

Start by celebrating the Eucharist together on Passion Sunday, also called Palm Sunday. This Sunday’s liturgy commemorates more than the story of the betrayal and passion of our Lord. His ultimate sacrifice is a glorious, life-giving act. We feel the sorrow, yet we look beyond the agony to the end of our Lenten journey and the rebirth of a new life in Christ. The Masses for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday compel us to examine the prophetic foreshadowing of events in Jesus’ last days. Holy Thursday’s evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper reminds us that love and service, enacted in the rite of washing of the feet, are signs of both the baptismal and ministerial priesthood. Good Friday’s liturgy focuses on Christ’s crucifixion. Holy Saturday’s ceremonies, which begin with a candle service, affirm Jesus’ victory over death. Finally, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Eucharist of the Resurrection, and then go forth in joy - may our “ Alleluia!” resound throughout the remainder of the year!

Whenever at home this week, light a candle to remind yourself of Christ’s light to the world. Reflect on the events of Holy Week and try to gather in family prayer around the candle at least once each day.

FOLLOWING JESUS

If it were possible for us to create our own religion, perhaps the last thing you or I would do is to begin it with a leader who claimed to be equal with God and then ended up being executed in such a humiliating fashion as the Crucifixion.

But all of Christ’s life was exactly that - counter to all of the expectations of the world. Born of a virgin, in a stable, forced to flee to another country for His safety, constantly hounded by even His own townsfolk, and finally being tortured as He was brought to His death on the cross. And all the time preaching a gospel of love that says you love your enemies though they continue to hate you and persecute you. And demanding of His followers that they must be prepared to follow the same path as He.

And though the early disciples at first feared to follow Jesus' chosen path - to take His message of love to the entire world - they eventually did so and created more followers, even by their own deaths.

When Pope John Paul II spoke in New York's Central Park during one of his pastoral visits, he praised America’s young people; but then he issued them a challenge: "You must put aside any fear in order to take Christ to the world in whatever you do. Christ wants to go to many places in the world, to enter many hearts, through you."

So, no role-playing here. This is your challenge, This is the real thing! To whom will you bring Christ?

TOUCH SOMEONE'S LIFE WITH LOVE
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Monday, April 10**
Mass 6:15 and 8:00 AM

**Tuesday, April 11**
Mass 6:15 AM
Mass 6:00 PM
Confession will follow Mass until 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 12**
Mass 6:15 and 8:00 AM

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, April 13**
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 PM
(Incense will be used at Mass)
Adoration will follow until midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday, April 14**
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM
Memorial of the Lord’s Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00 PM
The Chapel will be open until 6:00 PM for private veneration.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**Saturday, April 15**
Morning Prayer 8:00 AM
Blessing of Easter Food 1:00 PM
Easter Vigil (Incense will be used at the Mass) 7:30 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**
Mass in Church & Mass in the Gym
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Mass in Church
12:00 Noon
No 6:00 PM Mass

We are currently in the process of hiring a new Youth Minister.
For a complete job description, please contact Fr. Shaun.

Stewardship  
Due to the early production date of this bulletin, the April 2nd collection was not yet available.
An Invitation to the Easter Vigil

With the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, Lent comes to an end. As the altar is stripped bare, we enter into the peace and glory of the Sacred Triduum. We free ourselves of the mundane and begin the Paschal Fast and anticipation.

Unlike the Lenten penitential fast, the Paschal Fast may be likened to a bride and groom fasting before the wedding banquet because they are too excited to eat. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we fast before the Easter Vigil in anticipation of being filled up with the risen Christ.

We gather quietly on Good Friday, listen to scripture and come forward in faith and humility to venerate the wood of the cross.

With crescendo-like anticipation, we fast and pray through Holy Saturday until the glory of the risen Lord burst forth at the Easter Vigil.

Hungry now and excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire that will make this night bright for us. From the bonfire burning outside the church building, first the Paschal candle is lit, followed by all the people’s candles. The light is spread from one person to another until the whole church is ablaze with light—the light of Christ.

The Easter Vigil is the summit and source of Christian life. We celebrate in as grand and solemn a way as we can the central and core mystery of our Christian faith.

The second part of the Easter Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We listen to the scriptural story of our salvation—our journey out of darkness into light, out of death into life. In acclaiming the gospel, we welcome back the “Alleluia” which went unsung during the 40 days of Lent.

The third part of the Easter Vigil is the sacramental initiation of the catechumens. Here we witness the blessing of the water, immersion in water, and the rise of the newborn children of God from the waters of baptism. Then christened with the fragrant oil of confirmation, they are led to partake of the banquet of Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil is an occasion for us to reflect on what kind of liturgical life will sustain us on our Paschal journey and what manner of praying will be a treasure of faith we can hand on to our children.

Leave your watch at home. The Easter Vigil lasts significantly longer than Sunday Mass. Do not leave older children at home. The Vigil has much that will appeal to their senses: lighting of candles, singing of psalms, ringing of bells, sprinkling with blessed water, fragrant clouds of incense, colorful flowers and banners. Come prepared to be a participant rather than a spectator.

This is the greatest night of all the year. In our prayers and song; in our sacraments and silence; here in our midst, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed! On April 15th at 7:30 PM, extraordinary grace awaits us all.

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: _______________________________________________________________

(please print clearly)
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017
6:15 AM - David Craven req. Arthur & Mary Ann Bostwick
8:00 AM - Mary Janetka req. JoAnn Zidek

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017
6:15 AM - Bonadonna & Calistro Families req. Calistro Family
6:00 PM - Louis Rolih

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017
6:15 AM - Gene Zidek req. Family
8:00 AM - Vinnie Petruso req. Mary Schramm

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017
8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017
8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
3:00 PM - Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017
8:00 AM - Morning Prayer
1:00 PM - Food Blessing
7:30 PM - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017
All Mass intentions are for All the Faithful, Living and Deceased
8:00 AM - Church & Gym
10:00 AM - Church & Gym
1:00 PM - Church

TODAY’S READINGS
Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).
First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)
Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).
Gospel - The account of Christ’s passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:33-4a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
The Rectory & Parish Center offices will close at noon on Thursday, April 13th. The offices will also be closed on Friday, April 14th, and Monday, April 17. They will re-open Tuesday, April 18th at 8:30AM.
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Darren Bonk
Xena Hajbeh
Brian & Marie Stretch
Jonathan & Valerie McColgan
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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.

ADORATION CHAPEL HOLY WEEK HOURS
The Adoration Chapel will close at 9:00 PM on Tuesday, April 11th. The Chapel will re-open after Holy Thursday Mass and procession (April 13) until midnight. The Chapel will be open for Veneration of the Cross, after the Memorial of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday at 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Eucharistic Adoration will continue Easter Sunday, following the 12:00 Mass.

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.
Second Trimester Honor Roll

High Honors 4.0

8th Grade
Gabe Abbas
Elyse Adams
Renee Boone
Emma Budnik
Emily Budzynski
Margaret Casey
Mattie Cieplak
Eden Fernandez
Ethan Henry
Patrick Martens
Cooper Petersen
Jack Rodi
Sicily Shaw
Margaret Snyder
Meghan Stapleton
Jack Walsh
Alise Yunez

7th Grade
Maxwell Babich
Ryan Hubeny
Gretchen Lucina
Benjamin Romenesko
John Yahiro

6th Grade
Ava Bechstein
Michael Budzynski
Olivia Cieplak
Celia Colucci
Lainey Devine
Moira Jermak
Kaitlin Jeschke
Nicole Moravec
Sam Panatera
Bennett Ruskusky
Katherine Southworth

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who will be moving on to high school next year. 100% of SMG students were accepted at the school of their choice!

35 students (64% of the class) sat for the entrance exams for various Catholic high schools and were accepted for admission by Benet Academy (17 students), Montini (15 students), St. Ignatius (2 students) and Nazareth (1 student). Of the 32 students whose test scores are known: 99th percentile: 6 students (19%) 90th percentile or above: 15 students (47%) 80th percentile or above: 23 students (72%)

Over the course of 4 years, our SMG students will have earned $50,000 in scholarship money from Montini Catholic High School!

(Photo and statistics provided by C. Tiritilli).

School News

Current School Families: Have you returned your Registration Intent Form?

Registration intent forms have been sent home with all students. Please return your form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Find us on Facebook

Next time you are on Facebook, check out our page:

Please click the “Like” button in the right corner of the photo at the top of the page. By doing so, you can easily stay updated on SMG news without visiting our Facebook page. (Clicking “Like” means that whenever we post information, it will appear in the newsfeed on your own Facebook page.)

Then check out our latest posts and photos. At the end of each post, you will see

Like · Comment · Share

Help us get the word out about SMG by using these options. “Like” a photo, “Comment” on an article and please “Share” the post with others!
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 Gowgiel  Diane Goyette
Rion Goyette  Gen Hadamik  Darlene Hammer  Bobby Johnson  Donna Goyette
Joseph Karlinski  Kenny Kern  Ken Krupp  Mary Ann Lang  Doreen Karlinski
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 Stefka  Joan Taggionia
Sharon Tallerico  Hugh Toner  Laine Van Houton  Loretta Wies  Ashley Woltman
Heather Moss  Jerome Kawka  Karen Olszowka  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  Fran Boland

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Fr. Raymond Corkery, O.Carm.
Nina Schmidt

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

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound
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A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.
First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home / Hospital Visitation
Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.
(Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).

April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday

Encounter Our Neighbors

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? 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

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

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

- April 12 & 13 No RE sessions (Holy Week)
- April 19 & 20 RE Sessions resume
- April 20 8th Grade Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training. 4:30 pm
- April 26 & 27 RE sessions meet. No 2nd grade.
- April 30 Phase I Registration Ends
- May 1 Phase II Registration Begins
- May 1 First Communion Rehearsal. Come at your assigned time.
- May 3 & 4 RE sessions meet. No 2nd grade.
- May 6 First Holy Communion 10:30 am and 2:00 pm

Check out the parish website for more information

New Registration System for 2017-18 Season

Phase I for current families only!
LIFE CHANGING.
LIFE SAVING.

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.

TODAY

The Lord will preserve you...Psalm 121

April 9
In the Underground. 4:30 to 6PM. More info at www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry tab

What is a plenary indulgence?
On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church offers the opportunity for a plenary indulgence.
In very simple terms, is that, if we will go to Confession, receive Holy Communion we can obtain complete forgiveness of all sins and all the due punishment.
“On that day the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened.”

Should I go to Divine Mercy Sunday?
We all need God’s mercy.
This is a call for ALL to be washed clean in his Love, through Confession and Holy Communion.
He is offering a fresh start. This Feast emerged from the very depth of God’s mercy.
“Let no soul fear to draw near to Me...My mercy is great.”

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent or spouse. Find strength, joy, and holiness in your caregiver journey.

Nourish is for Caregivers

Third Thursday
April 20
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Living Room

Every day is a fresh start to trust God, find balance, and be Nourished

More information at www.stmarygostyn.org
Adult Faith tab or kjohson@stmarygostyn.org

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RCLA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

After many months of intense preparation, the following Elect will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil:

Dana Cox
Ian Ashley
Jolene Manuyag
Nicholas Ashley

In addition, the following individuals will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation:

William Stonitch
Jenna Moser

We cordially invite you to experience our new members’ joyous initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 15, 2017 beginning at 7:30 PM.

Please continue to pray for these individuals during their final week of preparation.

Stations of the Cross
Wednesday afternoon with the School children - All are invited
1:45 PM in the church
April 12

Reconciliation
Tuesday, 6:45 PM
Following the 6:00 PM Mass
April 11

Presider Schedule for Saturday, April 15th, Easter Vigil and Sunday, April 16th, Easter Sunday

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**Update from the Operations Director**

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. As we come together to witness the holiest days of the year this week, we continue to **remember**, to **celebrate**, and to **believe**. As we go about those three actions it is important to discern stewardship in a variety of forms at SMG. How do you remember, celebrate, and believe in all things SMG? A contribution to the SMG Capital Campaign is one of many ways to support the parish as many have done over the last 125 years. If you have not given a gift yet and would like to contribute, please contact our parish Business Office for more information. If you have already donated, thank you!

**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.

**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 campus. There will be more information to come in future bulletins.

May you continue to remember, celebrate, and believe in all things SMG!

_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

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This Week

Monday / 10
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir  Church
6:30 PM  Rosary  Chapel
7:00 PM  CRHP #4 - Women  Small Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  CRHP #33 - Women  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 11
6:00 PM  Mass  Church
6:30 PM  School Advisory Body  L.R.C.
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  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 12
1:45 PM  Stations of the Cross  Church
2:30 PM  School Musical  Gathering Place
5:00 PM  Volleyball  Gym
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Parish Council  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  CRHP #33 - Women  Parish Library

Thursday / 13

Friday / 14
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 15
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place

Sunday / 16
8:00 AM  Children’s Choir  Church
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.