Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 23, 2017
2:30 - 4:00 PM

Divine Mercy Liturgy:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 2:30 PM
Praises of Mercy
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Veneration of Image
Benediction

Confessions:
Sunday from 2:30 - 4:00 PM

The Church, through the Power of the Keys given to St. Peter and his successors,
gives us the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for the removal of all punishment
due to sin already forgiven. To obtain such a great gift,
it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace:

♦ Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
♦ Have sacramentally confessed their sins;
♦ Receive the Holy Eucharist;
♦ Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, our Holy Father.

This indulgence may be gained only once a day and it may be for oneself or a deceased relative or friend. Why not take advantage of so great a gift of God’s mercy and love. It takes so little effort and carries so great a reward.
Over the years, the rites of First Communion and First Reconciliation have changed with the changes that the Church at large have experienced with these sacraments. Most obvious is the terminology of “Reconciliation” vs. “Confession” or “Penance” which were the terms that most of the children’s grandparents would have used. Today Reconciliation has evolved from a rigid, foreboding ritual to a greater emphasis on spiritual guidance and mercy. At times, there are even options to receive Reconciliation at a community service or face to face with a priest, versus the closed confessional of one’s grandparents. At our Parish, both school and Religious Education children celebrate the Sacrament in late fall or early winter, celebrating with their parents as a family.

Likewise, there have been recent changes to receiving Holy Communion. Today, the Communion rails are gone, one receives the Host in one’s hand and the communicant re Joins the congregation in singing once they return to their pew. Quiet reflection occurs once the priest is seated and praying. This Sacrament has been celebrated in the recent years on the Saturday during the first week of May, with the children again receiving the Eucharist with their family, during one of two ceremonies that day.

For many years now, the children of St. Mary of Gostyn receive their First Holy Communion and their first Reconciliation during their second grade school year. Historically, we have pictures that show that this did not occur until later grades in the early days of our Parish.

The St. Mary’s School children and our Religious Education children together prepare for these important sacraments under the guidance of our Religious Education Director. Curriculum is presented by their teachers and their catechists throughout the school year.

The children participate in a Reconciliation Retreat with their families and friends where they share with each other the treasures that they will receive with the Sacrament. This event occurs before they experience their first Reconciliation.

The children and their families also participate in a Breaking Bread ceremony prior to receiving their First Holy Communion. It gives them the opportunity to share in a meal that is symbolic of the Bread that will be shared during Eucharist at Mass. In the recent years, First Communion is celebrated early in May as one group.

Pictures from the Growing Up in Gostyn Publication and Annie Mendez. Copy by Terri O’Dekirk and Mary Jane Wahl.
Second Sunday of Easter

Lord, help my disbelief!

During the early days of television, shows were presented to us “live,” complete with live demonstrations of the latest products whose companies sponsored those shows. Viewers became believers. Today, we tend to doubt those things we see with our own eyes. We have learned from experience that certain success and happiness is not achieved through buying and using those products that look so “perfect” on TV. We even find distortions of truth and bald untruth in our research projects, especially prevalent now via the internet. “Seeing is believing” has fallen out of favor.

Thomas doubted what he had not seen with his own eyes. Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Most of us, at one time or another, have thought it must have been so easy for those people who actually saw the risen Lord to believe in him. But the majority of the world didn’t. Even then, belief was hard to come by.

Doubt is a common feeling among us. It isn’t doubt, however, that keeps us away from belief. Doubt brings us to question carefully, to look at all the evidence, dissect it and ponder it in our hearts. Doubt comes regularly into our lives, especially at times of crisis. Retrospection confirms the groundlessness of such doubt. In truth, hasn’t it become easier to believe in what we cannot see than in those things we daily see through eyes of suspicion?

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

Elsie Hainz McGrath

During the Great Depression there was a man who lost his job, a fortune, his wife and home, but tenaciously held on to his faith - the only thing he had left. One day, he stopped to watch men doing stone work on a huge church. One of them was chiseling a triangular piece of rock. "What are you going to do with that?" he asked the workman. The worker responded, "Do you see that little opening way up there near the spire? Well, I am shaping this down here so that it will fit up there." Tears filled the man's eyes as he walked away, for it seemed that God had spoken through the workman to explain the ordeal through which he was passing. "I have faith in God's promise of eternal life," he said. "He is shaping my soul here on earth to fit into his plan for my ultimate redemption."

Bosch, H. G. 
"Bread For Each Day" (adapted)

FAITH SHARING

Be a conscious member of your faith community. Don't just go through the motions. Be sure every member of the family is in some way involved in the family life of your parish. Reach out to others in your parish. Invite them to become involved in Christ's family.

Many early church members could pray only in private because they were persecuted if they practiced religion openly.

- Light a candle as a symbol of Christ's light.
- Spend some time in family prayer thanking God that we may worship as a community.
- Pray that government leaders protect our rights to free speech and religious liberty.
- Pray for nations where freedom is restricted.
Stewardship

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

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In today’s first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God’s active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.
Our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents us with a glimpse of the early Church, the early Christian community. This passage is often misunderstood in some ways. When it speaks of “communal life,” that term is based upon a brief translation of a Greek word which means much more than what it might seem.

The Greek word is Κοινωνία (koinonía), which is a broad term meaning association, communion, fellowship, and joint participation. It means to share in something. This is an excellent example of stewardship which has meaning for us today. Our parish is a community, one in which we are all called to share and to participate. Koinonia identifies an almost ideal state of fellowship and unity which should exist in the Church, the Body of Christ. It should be more than just attending Mass.

When we speak of stewardship, we understand that it means much more than placing something in the collection basket. It means that we share all of our gifts, our time and talent also, with the community and others in need. It will be difficult for us to ever match the sense of association and the joy of that early Church, but it is a model for us to which we as a faith community should aspire.

To be community and to be in communion with one another and with God requires active participation, not passivity. Father Thomas Merton O.C.S.O. once wrote: “The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion...beyond speech...beyond concept.”
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017
6:15 AM - Florita Bohan req. Augie & Noreen Sisco
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Matt & Kay Selfridge

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017
6:15 AM - Patricia D. Skippet req. Lucy Wilczynski
8:00 AM - Frank Kluzek req. Friends & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017
6:15 AM - Connie Hallahan req. Steve & Julie Doyle
8:00 AM - Gene Zidek req. Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017
6:15 AM - Fr. Raymond Corkery O.Carm
8:00 AM - Mary McConoughy

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017
6:15 AM - Evelyn K. Contos req. Charlotte Sholeen
8:00 AM - Rosemary Peebles req. Mike & Mary Signer

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017
8:00 AM - Robert McMahon req. Family
Charles Bach req. Lois Bach & Family
4:30 PM - Joyce Pawlicki req. Theresa Pevitts
Trudy Thomas req. Loretta Wies

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017
8:00 AM - Corey Walgren req. John & Carol Sommer
David Turner req. Gerald & Carolyn Mueller
10:00 AM - Florita Bohan req. Friends
12:00 PM - Deceased Members of the Beales & Regis Families req. Family
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).
Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
Second Reading - God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).
Gospel - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Social Sunday
this weekend!

Please join us in the Gathering Place for Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses this weekend.
We encourage all new parishioners to join us.
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

FOR LARGE ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE, PLEASE CALL FOR A HOME PICK UP AT 630-231-4658

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) FOOD PANTRY

MARCH 2017 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for supporting our food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 317 Individuals within 137 Families. So far, this year we provided food for 847 Individuals within 370 Families. Attendance at the pantry is down 105 clients from same time last year.

Items most in need are: Spaghetti Sauce

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Ultra Foods, or Fresh Thyme thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Thanks to our St Mary’s school for their large food donations.
4. Thanks to Curtis Mysliwiec for requesting food donations rather than gifts in the celebration of his 11th Birthday.
5. Thanks to a company in Bedford Park(Univar) for donating 400 sandwiches for our outreach ministry.

Proverb for this month: Some people grin and bear it. Others smile and change it.

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

Second Trimester Honor Roll

Second Honors 3.0-3.4

8th Grade
Gavin Bohan
Trevor Bolisay
Kaitlin Boyle
Delaney Durbin
Gavin Greaney
Sean Halloran
Nicholas Majchrowicz
Connor Mostacci
Katharine Murray
Erin O'Connell
Patrick O'Connor
Chloe Sheppard
Megan Wikowsky

7th Grade
Nicholas Ashley
Alexander Blacha
Abigail Colucci
Michael Corcoran
Daniel Jones
Kaden Kumzi
Margaret Martin
Kelsey McCann
Emma Muersch
Lila Napientek
Grace Nelson
Cillian O'Flaherty
Edith Quandt
Andrew Snyder
Lucas Tarnow
Zachary Tschosik

6th Grade
Maya Alikpala
Raechel Boyle
Jamie Bukovsky
Elizabeth Carlson
Lucia Fernandez
Anne Flynn
Jack Gedraitis
Brendan Harker
Morgan Lally
Michael Logan
Caden McCann
Leah Sebo
Enzo Shaw
Pierce Walsh

Congratulations to the 43 junior high students who earned second honors!

Photo of the Week...
Who’s got hops? That was the question at a recent basketball game held at St. Mary’s School. On April 17, the school’s 8th grade boys played against seminarians from the Joliet Diocese and our own Father Shaun. (photo by C. Kramnic)

Development Board and School Advisory Body (SAB) Seek New Members

Development Board Opportunities
Interested in helping us find ways (and means) to support all of the activities our parish and school sponsor? Do you have great ideas on how to drive a culture of volunteerism in a Catholic environment? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the SMG Development Board may be a great volunteer opportunity for you. We have openings for the 2017/18 fiscal year that begins in September 2017. For more information please contact Terri O'Dekirk at 630-737-9621 or todekirk@stmarygostyn.org. We also invite you to join us at our meeting on May 16, 2017.

School Advisory Body Opportunities
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. For info contact Eileen Logan at eileenlogan@yahoo.com or at 630-205-9198.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

- Sharon Allard
- Abby Beranek
- Felicia Bubula
- Jessica Davy
- Rion Goyette
- Donna Karlinski
- Doreen Lehner
- Dolores Mendoza
- Rob Noonan
- Char Ryan
- Joey Stefka
- Loretta Wies
- Tom Dehner
- Kenneth Convalle
- Tammy Possidonii
- Nicholas T. Almeida
- Kathy Berg
- Ann Clark
- Dennis Finn
- Gen Hadamik
- Joseph Karlinski
- Robert Lehner
- Kate Moss
- Fr. Ernie Norbeck
- Tom Salansky
- Joan Taglioni
- Ashley Woltman
- Ken Norman
- Jean Matuszak
- Donna Miciunas
- Lois Bach
- Sharon Binter
- Margaret Corbett
- Becca Gorman
- Darlene Hammer
- Kenny Kern
- Diane Main
- James Murawski
- Daniel Oliver
- Kay Selfridge
- Sharon Tallerico
- Peggy Davis
- Barbara Cirko
- Ben Tomchek
- Fr. Tom Sularz
- Anna Bandur
- Bill Brown
- Helen Czulak
- Mark Gowgiel
- Robert Hayes
- Ken Krupp
- Eddie Mayerik
- Andrea Mutton
- Eleanor Pecka
- Eliza Skipworth
- Hugh Toner
- Judith Lynn Abella
- Rosalie Dombrowski
- Fr. Arthur Maher
- Gabriella Beirne
- Tom Brown
- Frank Davis
- Diane Goyette
- Bobby Johnson
- Mary Ann Lang
- Spencer Mehr
- Bob Noonan
- Cynthia Petro
- Yoshie Snider
- Laine Van Houton
- Fr. John Bosco Panakal
- Frances Boland
- Jeannie Fredericks

**In Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:
- Lorraine J. Finlon, mother of Joan Landry
- Fr. Athanasius Lovrencic, OFM
- Steven Worrell, husband of Nancy Worrell

**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

**MAKE ST. MARY OF GOSTYN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!**

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

- Name ______________________________________________________
- Address _____________________________________________________
- City, State, Zip ______________________________________________
- Email address ________________________________________________
- Phone Number: ___________________________ (circle one: cell   Home)

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

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at Religious Education Sessions this week! Otherwise, turn them in at the Parish no later than April 30.

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

Youth Entering Grades 7-12
Youth Entering Grades 1-6
Begins on Sunday, June 11
Begins on Monday, June 12
7-9 pm ~ $15
9 am—2:30 pm ~ $45

Come for FAITH
And FUN!
Open to all children entering grades 1-12

April—May
RE Calendar Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- April 26 & 27 RE sessions meet
- April 30 Phase I Registration Ends
- May 1 Phase II Registration Begins
- May 2 & 3 First Communion Rehearsal. Come at your assigned time.
- May 3 & 4 RE sessions meet. No 2nd grade RE sessions this week.
- May 6 First Holy Communion 10:30 am and 2:00 pm.
- May 7 Parish Celebration of May Crowning at the 12:00 noon Mass. Reception to follow in the Gathering Place. All invited
### Presider Schedule for Saturday, April 29th & Sunday, April 30th

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**Interested in a Ministry? Want to become more involved in parish life?**

We would love to hear from you!

Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!
Our Mother’s Day Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, beginning on Mother’s Day, May 14th thru May 22nd. Pick up a Mother’s Day (living) spiritual bouquet greeting card at the three entrances to Church (Prairie, Wilson Street and the parking lot) or at the Rectory, Parish Center, or School Offices. To include your deceased Mother, there is no need for the card, please use the envelope provided to enroll them.

The names of Mothers enrolled by Monday, May 8th, will be published in the bulletin on Mother’s Day.

This is a beautiful way to remember your Mother on her Special Day.

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

Sunday, May 7

In the Underground.
4:30 to 6PM
more info at 
www.stmarygostyn.org Youth Ministry tab
**Around the Community**

**Congratulations!**

The St. Mary of Gostyn Knights of Columbus Council 16062 congratulates SMG 3rd grade student, Blake Heyer, on his 3rd place finish in the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest. This comes after winning his age group at each of the Local, District and Regional levels. He competed in the 9 year old division on April 8th. We are proud to have him represent our parish and school. Thank you and God Bless. Go Vikings!

**TRIBUTOSAURUS BECOMES JOURNEY**

*A Concert Benefiting SEASPSAR*

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 PM
Tivoli Theatre, Downers Grove
VIP Ticket: $60  General Admission $40

Power pop melodies galore, screaming guitar solos, iconic keyboards parts, and super sized background vocals are the order of the day as Tributosaurus takes on one of the great hit machines of 80’s rock - Journey For more information call 630-960-7600

**Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Bring Her into your home for one week.
- Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
- Invite family, neighbors, or friends.
- Receive Her into your home and witness the many blessings and graces that She brings.

We will bring Our Lady to your home from Saturday to Saturday and provide the Rosary materials. Please call Diana @ (630) 971-1026 and reserve your week with Our Lady.

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET REACH TRAINING**

Does your parish religious education ministry serve children/youth with special needs? The Diocese of Joliet is looking for people to step up and learn how a program to serve all people with disabilities can be started in parishes. The Religious Education Apostolate for Christian Handicapped (REACH) is a proven approach to faith formation and sacrament preparation that values the dignity of every person and supports families of those with disabilities. Training will be held on April 27th, 7-9:30 pm at St. Raphael, Naperville, or June 3rd, 9:30 am-Noon at the Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill. For more information, contact your parish director of religious education, visit [http://bit.ly/2nJFs2p](http://bit.ly/2nJFs2p) or call 815-221-6147

**Volunteers Needed**

Catholic Communion Ministry
Good Samaritan Hospital – Downers Grove
Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz
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or
630-852-5347
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This Week

Monday / 24
8:00 AM  School  Gathering Place
2:25 PM  Girl Scouts Grp. A  Gathering Pl. A
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place
7:15 PM  Prayer Group  Living Room

Tuesday / 25
8:00 AM  School  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  S.A.B.  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Development  L.R.C.
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground
7:00 PM  Worship & Spiritual Life Comm. Large Conf. Rm.

Wednesday / 26
9:00 AM  School  Gathering Place
12:00 PM  School  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  Reverence for Life  Parish Library
7:00 PM  CRHP #33 - Women  Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 27
9:00 AM  Morning Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
2:30 PM  School Musical  Gathering Place
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/LR
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir  Church
7:00 PM  Choir  Church

Friday / 28
8:00 AM  School  Gathering Place
5:00 PM  School Musical  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 29
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM  School Musical  Gym

Sunday / 30
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Place C
1:30 PM  Baptism  Church
4:30 PM  6:00 Choir  Church

My Lord and my God!
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.
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