The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalt themselves will be humbled; but whoever humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12
ALL GOOD GIFTS AROUND US - ARE SENT FROM HEAVEN ABOVE.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."
- Matthew 25:35-36

Depending on which Mass you attend, this week you will be hearing from members of some of the many parish ministries St. Mary of Gostyn supports. In particular representatives from PADS, St. Vincent DePaul, the Parish Council, Nourish, and Religious Education will address the mission of their group and the impact volunteers can have on its success.

Helping others is a foundational part of Catholic teaching. It is our obligation and our duty. Our Catholic social teaching is more than a set of documents. It is a living tradition of thought and action. The Church's social vision has developed and grown over time, responding to changing circumstances and emerging problems - including developments in human work, new economic questions, and poverty in our world.

What does the Bible say about service? Jesus tells us time and time again how important it is to serve others as a part of leading a Christian life. A genuine commitment to others is ultimately a commitment to Christ. It will make a difference in the choices you make and your priorities in life. In the book of Matthew Jesus says to the people “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” In other words, if you are feeding or clothing the poor, you are not only doing it in the name of Jesus, you are doing it for Jesus.

Why should we extend ourselves for others? Your actions will not only be appreciated, but chances are, they will touch the lives of both the people you meet and many people you may never even see. The greatest reward of serving others is how it makes you feel about yourself. That special feeling is God’s way of telling you thank you! Thank you for caring! Thank you for making a difference in the world!

The more than 30 ministries that we offer impact parishioners whether they be young or old, married, single, or widowed, working or retired, healthy or in need of God’s healing grace. With your support we can sustain these important ministries as well as continue our plans to implement Nourish for Caregivers, a new support group for those caring for a loved one.

So if you are considering doing the Ministers of Service program or are not sure yet, please talk with someone who has gone through the program and gain some insight on their experience. Then consider what you would want to get out of the program, pray about it and see if it is something that you are interested in doing.

In your pew is a ministry sign-up card. We are asking each parishioner to consider joining one of our ministries and use their time and talent to help build the kingdom of God in our parish.

Let’s pray that we bring more genuine joy to our opportunities to serve others and remember St. John Chrysostom’s words: “...acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver.”
Transform November into a Month of Thanksgiving

Very soon Americans will celebrate the Thanksgiving holidays; a time where so much is devoted to sumptuous meals highlighted by turkey and pumpkin pie, traveling to and from the ancestral home, enjoying family, feasting on leftovers, seeing a Thanksgiving Day parade and watching football.

Perhaps this November we might allow Thanksgiving to permeate our lives for more than just a day. How about the entire month?

For many of us, Thanksgiving Day is so full of activity that there is a tendency to forget what’s at the heart of Thanksgiving, offering our thanks to God for the many gifts that have been bestowed upon us. Although sometimes the reason for the holiday is forgotten in our secular culture today, good stewards of their life and faith recognize that Thanksgiving should be directed primarily in God’s direction.

Because the "busyness" of Thanksgiving Day can easily distract us from slowing down to a pace more suitable to adequately expressing our gratitude to God, perhaps this November we might allow Thanksgiving to permeate our lives for more than just a day. How about the entire month? Expressing gratitude is at the heart of good stewardship. So, let’s dedicate a little time each day in November to giving thanks for our blessings.

During this month of All Saints and All Souls, spend a few minutes each day thanking God for all the people in your life who have gone before you. Set aside a few minutes to remember all that God has given you and say "Thank you."

Take a minute each day to thank the people in your life who matter to you.

Our Commitment to Stewardship

Today we continue our reflection at Mass on Committing ourselves to Stewardship, the theme: All Good Gifts around us – are sent from Heaven Above. Representatives of the various ministries and services at St. Mary of Gostyn are inviting you to consider joining them in their ministries. This Ministry of Service unites us as the Body of Christ, active in the world, serving each other with the Gospel Message.

Ministry Sign Up Cards are available in the pews today to learn more about a ministry or volunteer to become a member of the group.

The cards can be turned in to the Ushers, left at the entrances of church, or mailed to the rectory. We hope you will consider becoming a part of the many Ministries of our parish!

Take part of a day and walk or hike down a woodland path. Express your gratitude for the beauty of God’s autumn creation.

Take a minute each day to thank the people in your life who matter to you. Tell them you’re thankful for them.

Drop someone a note, place a short phone call or even text them! Telling people you’re thankful for them will enrich your life as well as theirs.

Make a point to attend at least one Mass outside the regular weekend Masses. Going to Mass on Thanksgiving morning is an excellent way to enrich that holiday. As a community of faith, we know that giving glory to God in this way is an important aspect of our communal life of faith.

Transform the month of November into a month of Thanksgiving. If you do, you will find your celebration of Thanksgiving Day a more richer and fuller experience than you could have imagined. In fact, you might just discover that your overall happiness with life improves.

May this month of Thanksgiving be a time when we not only say "Thank You" to God, family and neighbor, but a time when our hearts draw us much closer to the Lord.

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Yes! It starts in your family. A vocation is a personal calling, a mission, a purpose... more than a career. The Christian Vocation is our holy call to follow Christ and is answered in Marriage, Single life, Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life (Sister, Brother, or Missionary.)

All Christian vocations can lead to heaven!

What can I do?

1. Parents: Pray often that each of your children will hear God’s true vocation for them.

2. Parents: Talk about your vocation and tell your children that you will support them the entire way if they feel the call to explore religious life.

3. Parishioners: Tell someone that they would make a great priest, deacon, sister, brother, mother or father one day and pray for them. (How will they know?)

If you are feeling a call to religious life, pray about it daily, and contact Fr. Shaun or Fr. Jim.

Lord Jesus, guide me to my true vocation. Amen.

Want to build a culture of vocations at SMG? Contact Fr. Shaun to join our vocation team.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017
6:15 AM - Madeline Mazzone & Family req. Bernadette Cudzilo
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Dolores & Judy Ronaldson
Val Claus req. Paruszkievicz Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017
6:15 AM - Greg Gaumond req. Benet Friends
8:00 AM - Vince Tonissen req. Jim & Rita Regis

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017
6:15 AM - Bill Kiffmeyer req. Lucina Family
8:00 AM - David Craven req. Nancy Rodgers
Marilyn Zubak req. Frank & Dianne Czopek

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
6:15 AM - John Esposito req. Fran Belcastro
8:00 AM - Betty Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017
6:15 AM - Erwin Burton req. Burton Family
8:00 AM - Robert Oliver req. Family
Carl Sterr req. Adam Walsh Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017
8:00 AM - Tom Klinger req. Rita Blaney
4:30 PM - Merilyce O’Connell req. Rivero Family
Martin Murphy req. Kumiega Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017
8:00 AM - Tony & Lottie Borowski req. Lederman Family
10:00 AM - Departed Members of the Legion of Mary req. Legion of Mary
Nancy Billo req. Cousins
12:00 PM - People of the Parish
6:00 PM - Patricia McDonnell req. Ron & Mary Buchler

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).
Psalm - In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).
Second Reading - You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).
Gospel - Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1b-cde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13
ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to an anonymous donor for the lovely Fall floral arrangement on the altar this weekend.

Medical Missions Meeting

Monday, November 6th
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

All women from the parish and their friends are welcome.
For additional information, call Clara at 630-971-1702.

St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, November 8  Parish Center  9:30 AM  The Jew Store by Stella Suberman

The author tells the story of her immigrant Jewish father who opened a dry goods store in a small town in 1920.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the St. Mary Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, November 16  Parish Center  7:00 PM  The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

A love story that takes place before WWI that reaches beyond a small English village.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the SMG Evening Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Thank You from PADS

We would like to thank the more than twenty individuals who joined PADS teams as new volunteers following our Recruitment Sunday in September. The 32nd season of service to the homeless has already progressed through one rotation of all seven teams!

After integrating the new volunteers into teams, we find there are a few places where help is still needed. We are in need of a few people to serve as hosts to welcome our guests when they arrive at St. Mary’s. This shift is on Friday evening and runs from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Also, we are still seeking a few individuals to serve as monitors for either the 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift or the 3 to 7 a.m. shift. The monitors stay awake during the night hours to ensure the site is quiet and safe.

Note: New volunteers who join a team now will volunteer for a total of 4 times - once every 7 weeks during the remainder of the PADS season which runs through May, 2018.

Help is always welcome for both set-up (Fridays at 5 p.m.) and clean-up (Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.). No need to call ahead, just come and help out. These two shifts are also “family-friendly” and a wonderful way to volunteer as a family.

Now is the time for 7th and 8th grade students who are in Confirmation preparations to join a team for their Parish Christian Service Requirements.

For more information, call Mary Stapleton (630/963-6295) or email stmaryspads@gmail.com.
School News

TRIVIA NIGHT
Thank You

Huge thanks to this year’s Trivia Night Committee

Our Leaders:
*Kelly and Sean Durbin*

Our Committee Members:

Molly and Chris Ericson
Julie and Brian Skeen
Greg Reiser

Dave and Beth Hinde
Deacon Bob
Terry O’Dekirk

Also, thanks to the Alex Mendez Family and the John Ruskovsky Family for their donations to the event.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella          Nicholas T. Almeida          Lois Bach
Abby Beranek            Kathy Berg               Sharon Binter
Felicia Bubula         Ann Clark                Margaret Corbett
Frank Davis            Jessica Davy             Jim Donovan
Mark Gowgiel           Diane Goyette           Rion Goyette
Robert Hayes           Erinn Henes             Bobby Johnson
Kenny Kern              Doreen Lehner           Robert Lehner
Eddie Mayerik          Spencer Mehr            Dolores Mendoza
Andrea Mutton           Rob Noonan              Fr. Ernie Norbeck
Mary Ann Papievis      Eleanor Pecka           Cynthia Petro
Kay Selfridge          Eliza Skipworth         Yoshie Snider
Sharon Tallerico       Hugh Toner              Mark Trout
Loretta Wies           Ashley Wolfman          Rita Lukowski
Steve Wolfram          Ken VanderPloeg         Louise Clemens
Fr. John Ducaji        Kenneth Twardzik       Frank Colonna

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Gertrude Arndt, mother of Alice Heneghan
Robert Heaver, brother-in-law of Regina Smith
Jennifer Selinsky, wife of Nicholas, mother of Ellanore & Evelyn
Kay Selfridge, wife of Matt

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 Braash          Michael Martel          Natalya Brechlin
John Svoboda         Christopher Fountain     Nathan Kijowski        Bob Lang
Zachary Frana        Timothy Randazzo         Christopher Randazzo    Kyle Ng

We give thanks to God for the safe return of Josh Cruz.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Religious Education

St. Mary of Gostyn
Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Last week, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon announced to Fr. Jim of our date of celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Currently Bishop Joseph Siegel is scheduled to confirm our parish candidates on:

Saturday
March 10, 2017
At 1:00 pm
In the Parish Church

Please mark your calendars and continue to pray for our candidates, their sponsors, their parents, our priests and the Bishops.

RCIA

Fall is upon us and we are beginning the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Along with the RCIA, we offer a similar program for our young people of the parish in grades 3-8, as well as some catechesis for high schoolers.

Watch for this year’s young people at the 10 am Mass twice a month beginning today. They will be in the Church through the Liturgy of the Word, when they will move to the Parish Center for their instruction.

Please pray for them during this adventure in our faith. They will receive their Sacraments in the spring of the year.

Let the Children Come to Me . . .

Thank you for your Prayers!

All of our Religious Education Classrooms are now occupied with a Catechist!

We sincerely appreciate all who have come forward and volunteered, and all of you who have offered this in your prayers!

God Bless You All

Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- November 8 & 9: RE and Confirmation Sessions Resume. Fr. Jim/Fr. Shaun speak to students
- November 16 & 17: RE and Confirmation Sessions Meet. Plan ahead that D-58 has conferences these nights.
- November 23 & 24: No RE or Confirmation Sessions. Happy Thanksgiving.
- November 29 & 30: RE and Confirmation Sessions Meet
- November 30: Catechist Adult Formation Opportunity. TBA

Page 10  Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
The ONE topic ONE night Speaker Series aims to provide our parish a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process.

One topic. One night. One faith.

November 7th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Father Shaun
Topic: Why women cannot be priests

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent or spouse, either in town or from afar. Find support in the caregiver journey. All Are Welcome!

www.stmarygostn.org Faith Formation-Nourish tab

COMMUNITY

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE
AND PIE SOCIAL

All are welcome; join together in praise and worship, and to share delicious pies with all our neighbors.

Tuesday, November 21st
7:30 PM
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
4501 Main St. Downers Grove

Community Outreach: bring a new or gently used coat and/or canned goods for the FISH Pantry. Please bring a pie for the social following the worship service.
For more information, please contact our Parish Center 630.960.3565.
Are you interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who may be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith - a relative, a neighbor, a friend? If so, please call Fr. Shaun. We will be forming inquiry classes to answer questions about the Catholic faith. There is no obligation, we are just learning about what the Catholic church teaches, her history, and her traditions. This is a time to discern through inquiry and prayer as to whether or not you are being called to join the Catholic faith. The classes are open for three categories:

1. Those who have never been baptized.
2. Those who have been baptized but never completed their sacraments of initiation, namely Confirmation & Holy Communion.
3. Those who have been baptized in another religious tradition who now feel they are being called to the Catholic faith.

This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a journey that leads to the Easter sacraments of Initiation. There is no obligation. It is a time of learning and discernment. It’s not too late to join us.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Shaun  (630) 969-1063, ext. #212

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Last week we began our Stewardship Campaign with a focus on prayer. Fr. Shaun spoke at each parish Mass about the power of prayer and the changes which could affect our community, and even the world, if only we carved out more time in our daily lives to talk directly to God.

Following his inspiring words, parishioners were invited to make their personal prayer commitment. For the next several weeks we will be highlighting some of the comments from the more than 500 cards which were returned.

Here are some of the things your fellow parishioners will do to enhance their prayer life. They have pledged to pray for:

…taking time to thank God more. It is so easy to just ask for things, but now I need to give thanks.
…spending at least 15 minutes each day reflecting on God’s love.
…world peace and that our leaders will follow their hearts to protect those less fortunate.
..being more open to the Lord’s spirit on a daily basis.
…those suffering from cancer that they do not feel alone and get comfort from those around them.
…the mental, spiritual, and physical health and well-being of all parishioners.
…justice, open mindedness, and hope.
…every person to look into his neighbor’s eyes and see the “Light of the Lord.”
…our troops to return home safely to their families.
…those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.
A NOTE FROM SPEZIO AND AFFILIATES

“
To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the Heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3

This season, especially here in the midwest - nature reminds us of a natural cycle of life. It is also a cycle that our faith teaches us. Life is a series of cycles - beginnings and endings, growth and stagnation, dying and rising. Some of these cycles are simple and gentle such as the change of seasons, birthdays, anniversaries, resuming work or school after vacation time...these are all pretty natural and expected, so we move with them gently. Other cycles can be more difficult to accept and process, such as physical ailments, aging, loss of jobs or relationships, tragedies and death. With these cycles, we are often faced with internal reactions or feelings that are difficult to manage. Sometimes we resist or deny the changes, sometimes we are sad or depressed, other times we have anxiety or fear. All of these reactions are natural parts of this human journey we are on. They cannot be avoided, merely managed correctly with proper inner tools and the love of family and friends around you. And of course, God is with us through all these difficult times...to hold us closely and give us the Grace to manage through.

This journey can be very joyful as well...but there are cycles and changes that occur. “To everything there is a season...” It is our responsibility to be the best self that God created us to be. So, how do we manage to do this, when we are feeling shaken by life’s cycles and changes? The one thing we are always capable of doing is honoring with truth where we are at. This means, owning and accepting even the most difficult feelings like sadness or anxiety. If we honor and care for these parts of ourselves, we will be managing them and eventually we will move to a more peaceful and joyful place. This journey is not about avoiding pain, it is about how we manage it. And always, God is there to give us the strength through Grace.

Spiezio and Affiliates, counseling services continues to be available here in your parish. If you would like to have some assistance along the way we are here to assist you. You can reach us by contacting the extension listed in this bulletin.

TUESDAYS WITH THE SISTERS

The Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart invite you to Tuesdays with the Sisters from 7:00-8:00pm. This year we have been exploring the Beatitudes of Pope Francis. On November 14th, we conclude with Invoking Mary, the Queen of All Saints. Pope Francis ended his sermon by inviting the faithful “to pray for the grace to accept the call to holiness with joy, and to strive to fulfill it in their daily lives”.

Benedictine core value: Humility/Obedience
Presenter: Cathy Lentz
Come to our front door 1910 Maple Ave, Lisle with the statue of the Sacred Heart.

THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF LA GRANGE PARK
ASK YOU TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING THEIR
150TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CONGREGATION!
51st Annual Dinner Dance
Honoring
Rose Mary Ranallo
Saturday, November 25th, 2017
6:30 in the evening at Porretta’s Banquets
Chicago, Illinois
Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment & Dancing,
Cash Raffle, Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets
$75 Donation per Dinner Ticket
Please call 708.354.1999 for tickets or more information
All proceeds to benefit the work of the Comboni Missionaries, both in the Chicagoland area, and around the world.

NOW HIRING

We are currently in the process of hiring a Parish Youth Minister (Part-time)
For a complete job description visit our homepage at www.stmarygostyn.org/About Us/
Employment Opportunities

Grow Your Faith. Walk in Christ.
Learning is a life-long and active process.
These titles and more available in the parking lot and Narthex entrance displays. CDs to go, or log onto FORMED.org, use parish code 8PQ4J3 for free e-books, movies, speakers -- lots of Catholic content -- available on any computer or mobile device. Try it today!
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### This Week

#### Monday / 6
- 9:00 AM  Medical Missions  Gathering Place
- 2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55326  Gathering Place
- 3:00 PM  Basketball
- 6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
- 7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

#### Tuesday / 7
- 9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music  Underground
- 3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
- 6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
- 7:00 PM  One Topic. One Night  Living Room
- 7:00 PM  Grief Support  Living Room

#### Wednesday / 8
- 9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion  Living Room
- 3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
- 4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Chaple
- 6:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 6:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Ch/GP
- 7:00 PM  Athletic Ctme. Mtg  L.R.C.
- 7:00 PM  CRHP #33 - Women  Underground
- 7:00 PM  Parish Council  Large Conf. Rm.
- 8:00 PM  Knights of Columbus  Gathering Place

#### Thursday / 9
- 9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
- 1:15 PM  H.S.A.  Large Conf. Rm.
- 1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
- 3:00 PM  Basketball
- 4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/Wh
- 5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church

#### Friday / 10
- 3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
- 5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

#### Saturday / 11
- 12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
- 8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym
- 8:30 AM  CRHP #17 - Women  Chapel
- 1:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Church/GP

#### Sunday / 12
- 7:00 AM  CRHP #24 - Men  Chapel
- 8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
- 8:00 AM  RCIA  Underground
- 1:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
- 1:30 PM  Baptism  Church
- 4:30 PM  6:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
- 8:00 PM  Men’s Basketball  Gym
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child or it has been more than five years since you attended a baptismal preparation session at St. Mary’s or another parish, you will need to participate in a session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism.

Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, November and April at the 8:00 AM Mass.

The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

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 to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.